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FOREWORD

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NOTATION *

a	Acceleration
A, A_s, A_x	Probe base area; base area of the standard WES 3.23-sq-cm cone; and base area of any given probe, respectively
c	As a subscript, refers to a circular-base-area probe of the same size base area as the probe of interest
C	Cone penetration resistance
C_D	Drag coefficient
d, d_s, d_x	Probe base diameter; diameter of the base of the standard WES cone ($d_s = 2.03$ cm), and diameter of the base of any circular-base-area probe, respectively
D_c	Critical depth
F, F_i, F_x, F_z	Sand penetration resistance force; inertial force; sand resistance force measured in the direction of a horizontal probe penetration; and sand resistance force measured in the direction of a vertical probe penetration, respectively
F_z/A	Probe base pressure (cone base pressure or plate base pressure, depending on which type probe is being considered)
$\frac{F_z/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x}$	Cone-sand pressure ratio
$(F_z/A^{1.3})_{xs}$	Cone stress ratio

* Several other symbols that are specifically defined in context and then used no more than a few times immediately afterwards are not listed here.

$$\left(F_z/A^{1.2}\right)_{xs} \times \left(R_h^{0.4}\right)_{cx}$$

Plate-cone stress ratio $\left[\text{for circular-base-area plates } \left(R_h^{0.4}\right)_{cx} = 1\right]$

g Acceleration due to gravity

G Sand penetration resistance gradient obtained with a 3.23-sq-cm, 30-deg-apex-angle cone at $V_z = 3.05$ cm/sec

G_x Sand penetration resistance gradient obtained with a probe of any given size and shape at any velocity small enough to cause the F_z/A_x versus probe base depth curve to be near-linear in the range of depth values sampled in obtaining G_x

h Depth of cone tip beneath the undisturbed sand surface in horizontal penetration tests

i Inertia

l, l_s, l_x \sqrt{A} ; square root of the base area of the standard 3.23-cm² cone ($l_s = 1.80$ cm); and square root of the base area of any given probe, respectively

N_R Reynolds number

P Perimeter of the base of a given probe

R_h Hydraulic radius (i.e. A/P) of the base of a given probe

s As a subscript, refers to conditions associated with a standard cone penetration to obtain G

V, V_s, V_x, V_z Velocity; velocity in a standard penetration to obtain G ($V_s = 3.05$ cm/sec); velocity in a horizontal penetration; and velocity in a vertical penetration, respectively

$V_x/\sqrt{gd_x}$ Froude number

V_z/l Velocity gradient

$(V_z/l)_{xs}$ Velocity gradient ratio

x As a subscript immediately after F or V (i.e. F_x or V_x), denotes horizontal. As a subscript in any other case, indicates conditions other than those associated with a standard cone penetration to obtain G (e.g., G_x , A_x , d_x , l_x , $(F_z)_x$, etc.)

z As a subscript immediately after F or V (i.e. F_z or V_z), denotes vertical

α	Cone tip apex angle
γ_d	Sand unit dry weight
ρ	Sand dry mass density γ_d/g
$\rho \left(\frac{AV^2}{z} \right)_x / 2$	Inertial force
ϕ	Sand angle of internal friction
ψ	Yield value

CONVERSION FACTORS, METRIC TO BRITISH UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

Metric units of measurement used in this report can be converted to British units as follows:

<u>Multiply</u>	<u>By</u>	<u>To Obtain</u>
meters	3.281	feet
centimeters	0.3937	inches
square centimeters	0.1550	square inches
newtons	0.2248	pounds (force)
meters per second	3.281	feet per second
centimeters per second	0.3937	inches per second
kilonewtons per cubic meter	6.366	pounds per cubic foot
kilopascals	0.1450	pounds per square inch
meganewtons per cubic meter	3.684	pounds per cubic inch (i.e. psi per inch)
kilograms	0.0685	slugs

SUMMARY

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MEASURING SOIL PROPERTIES IN VEHICLE MOBILITY RESEARCH

RESISTANCE OF COARSE-GRAINED SOILS TO HIGH-SPEED PENETRATION

PART I: INTRODUCTION

Background

1. A major problem that confronts users of soil in engineering, agricultural, industrial, and military applications is forecasting how the soil will react to the force that man applies to it. Many years of study and experience have produced techniques for predicting soil behavior under static or near-static loading (dams, foundations, etc.) and under transient loading spread over a large surface area (roadbeds for paved highways, airfields, etc.). The study of soil resistance to localized, high-speed penetration has a much shorter history, and the development of quantitative descriptions of this phenomenon is relatively new.

2. Man penetrates the soil with a wide variety of implements to accomplish his objectives. The direction of movement of the penetrating element may be predominantly parallel to the soil surface (earthmoving scraper blade, tillage tools, and tires and tracks of off-road vehicles), normal to it (foundation piles, core drills, and mechanical or air-dropped penetrometers), or somewhere in between (anchors for field gun emplacements).

3. To date, nearly all studies of soil penetration by man-made probes have dealt with soil reaction to either horizontal or vertical probe movement. With attention limited to these two directions only, soil penetration resistance is still difficult to describe quantitatively because it depends on several probe variables (primarily size, shape, and velocity, along with weight in free-drop vertical tests), as well as on adequate quantitative description of the test soil's quasistatic strength characteristics.

4. The approach at the U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) has been to concentrate attention on penetrations in classical soils, i.e. essentially purely cohesive clay and purely frictional sand. Studies of the aerial cone penetrometer in fine-grained (cohesive) soils have been documented.¹⁻⁴ The resistance of fine-grained soils to both horizontal and vertical penetrations by a variety of probe sizes and shapes was discussed in Reports 3 and 5 of this series.^{5,6} This report extends the studies of Reports 3 and 5 to the behavior of coarse-grained (frictional) soils.

Purpose

5. The purpose of the study reported herein was to describe quantitatively:

- a. The resistance of air-dry sand to vertical penetration by a variety of sizes and shapes of cones and flat plates over a range of penetration velocities.
- b. The influence of moisture content on the resistance of sand to low-speed vertical penetrations by the standard WES cone.
- c. The resistance imparted to cones and flat blades tested horizontally over a range of speeds in air-dry sand.

Scope

6. Vertical penetrations were made in soil bins of air-dry desert (Yuma) sand at speeds to over 700 cm/sec* with probes of three general shapes: 30-deg-apex-angle, right circular cones; flat, circular plates; and flat, rectangular plates. Sizes of the probe base areas ranged from 1.29 to 58.1 cm². The rectangular plates had width-to-length ratios of 1:1, 1:2, 1:4, and 1:8. In a second group of tests, vertical penetrations were made at speeds from 0.025 to 34.9 cm/sec with the standard WES cone (3.23-cm² base area) in test molds of air-dry to moist Yuma sand (moisture contents from 0.4 to 11.5 percent).

* A table of factors for converting metric units of measurements to British units is presented on page xi.

Finally, in a third group of tests, horizontal penetrations were made in test bins of air-dry Yuma sand at speeds up to 5.2 m/sec with 30-deg-apex-angle cones of circular base areas ranging from 3.23 to 23.2 cm².

7. The sand placement techniques used throughout this program produced a high degree of consistency within each soil test section. Within each of the three groups of penetration tests, Yuma sand test sections were used that covered a major portion of the possible range of strength values of this soil. For essentially purely frictional soils, a WES-developed concept was used herein to characterize soil strength by G , the slope of the curve of cone penetration resistance C versus depth of the cone base beneath the sand surface, where C is force per unit base area required to penetrate a soil normal to its surface at 3.05 cm/sec with a 30-deg-apex-angle, right circular cone of 3.23-cm² base area. This slope is usually averaged over a depth of 15 cm.

8. Complementary to relations developed from the above-mentioned horizontal penetration tests at WES, major results from pertinent studies conducted elsewhere were briefly reviewed. Particular attention was given to relations that describe horizontal and vertical forces on flat blades tested horizontally near the sand surface, and to the horizontal force on cones tested horizontally well below the sand surface.

PART II: HIGH-SPEED VERTICAL PENETRATIONS WITH CONES AND PLATES IN AIR-DRY SAND

Test Sand and Its Preparation

Test sand

9. Sand used in the high-speed vertical penetration tests was taken from active dunes near Yuma, Arizona. This sand, termed herein as Yuma sand, has a specific gravity of 2.67 and is a uniformly graded, fine sand classified SP-SM according to the Unified Soil Classification System. Gradation and soil property data are given in fig. 1.

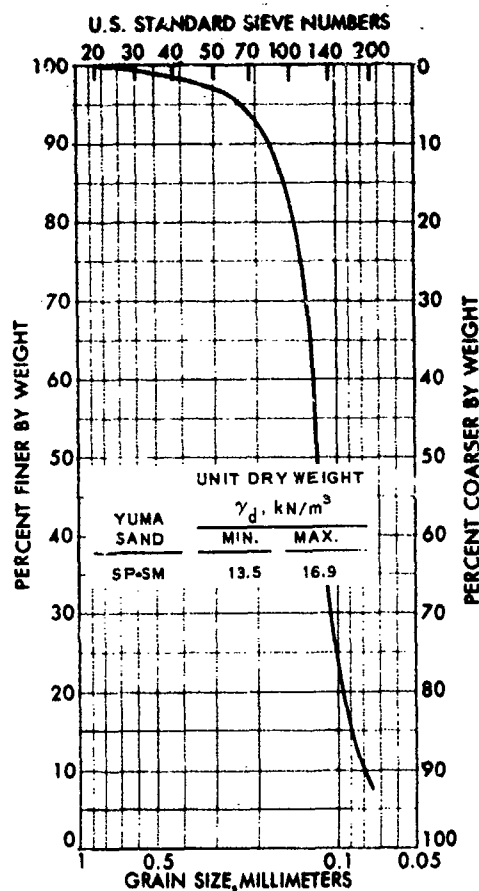


Fig. 1. Gradation and classification of Yuma sand

Sand preparation

10. To prepare each test bin, air-dry Yuma sand was deposited in uniform layers through a 6.3-mm U. S. Standard sieve to fill an 0.8- by 1.6- by 16.4-m test bin, and the top layer was screeded level to the same height as the bin sidewalls. Next, the sand was thoroughly harrowed to at least a 40-cm depth over the full width and length of the bin. Preparation of a very-low-strength test bed was completed simply by releveing the sand surface with a screed strip. All other test beds were prepared by harrowing, compacting with a given number of passes of a vibratory skid unit (comprised of an electric vibrator mounted on a steel base plate 86 cm wide), and then leveling.

11. The strength of each test bed was characterized primarily in terms of penetration resistance gradient G . Although values of cone

penetration resistance increased in near-linear fashion nearly always to at least the 25-cm depth,* reported values of G reflect measurements only in the top 15 cm to conform to general WES practice. Fig. 2 presents representative curves of cone penetration resistance versus depth

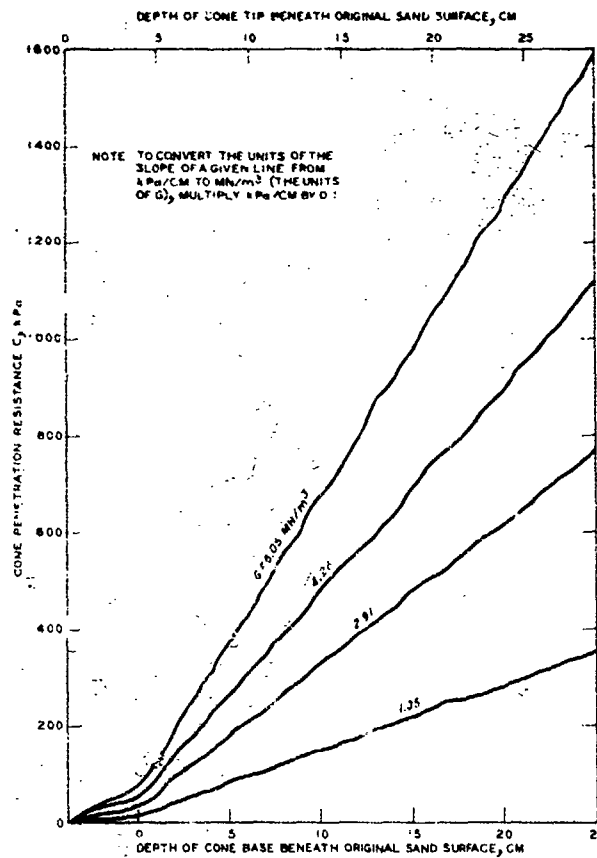


Fig. 2. Representative cone penetration versus depth curves (3.23-cm² cone, 3.05-cm/sec penetration speed, air-dry Yuma sand)

for several values of G . Test beds for the high-speed vertical penetration tests were prepared to three approximate strength levels-- G values of about 1.3, 2.9, and 6.2 MN/m^3 .

* Here, "depth" refers to the depth beneath the sand surface of the base of the standard WES 3.23-cm²-base-area, 3.77-cm-height, circular cone.

Test Equipment

Cones and plates

12. The smooth steel cones and plates used in this part of the study are shown in fig. 3, and are characterized by shape and size as follows:

No.	Probe Shape	Probe Base Size			Area cm ²
		Dimensions, cm			
		Diameter	Width	Length	
1	Right circular cone	1.28	--	--	1.29
2		2.03	--	--	3.23
3		4.05	--	--	12.9
4		5.73	--	--	25.8
5		8.60	--	--	58.1
6	Flat circular plate	1.28	--	--	1.29
7		2.03	--	--	3.23
8		4.05	--	--	12.9
9		5.73	--	--	25.8
10		8.60	--	--	58.1
11	Flat rectangular plate (1:1, width to length)	--	1.27	1.27	1.61
12		--	2.54	2.54	6.45
13		--	5.08	5.08	25.8
14		--	7.62	7.62	58.1
15	Flat rectangular plate (1:2, width to length)	--	1.27	2.54	3.23
16		--	3.59	7.18	25.8
17		--	5.39	10.78	58.1
18	Flat rectangular plate (1:4, width to length)	--	1.27	5.08	6.45
19		--	2.54	10.16	25.8
20		--	3.81	15.24	58.1
21	Flat rectangular plate (1:8, width to length)	--	1.27	10.16	12.9
22		--	1.80	14.37	25.8
23		--	2.70	21.56	58.1

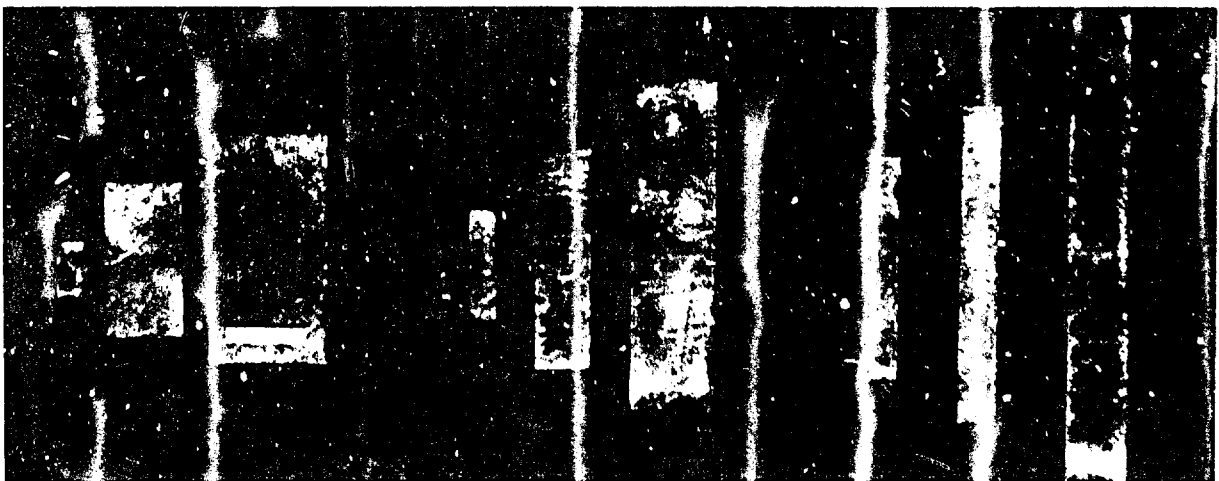
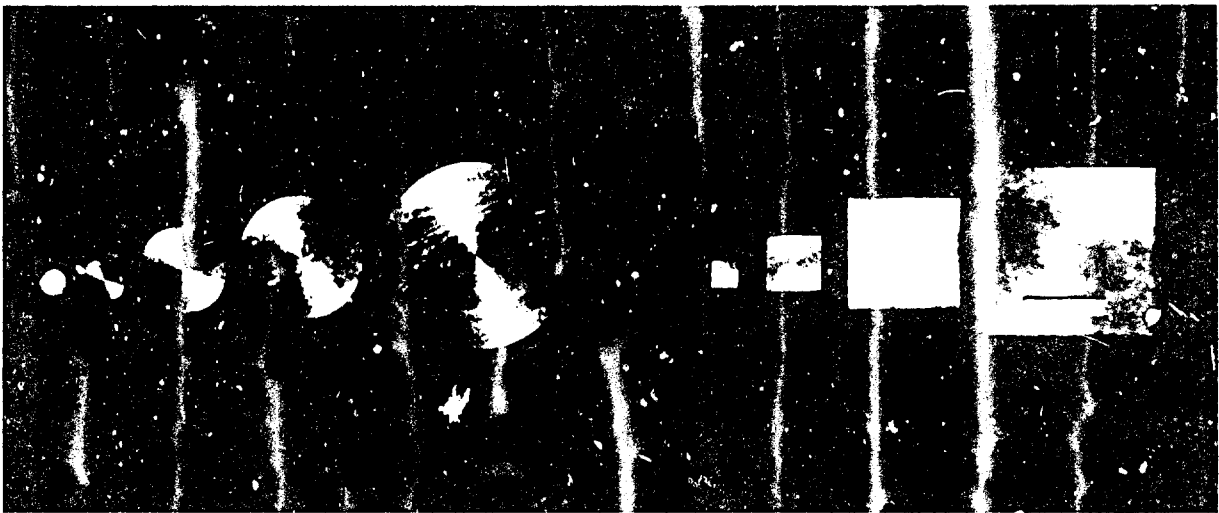


Fig. 3. Test cones and plates used in vertical penetrations of Yuma sand in test bins

The nominal penetration velocities were designated as follows:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Nominal Velocity</u> <u>cm/sec</u>
1	3.05
2	30
3	100
4	200
5	300
6	600

13. Each probe was of one-piece steel construction and consisted of a probe head (cone or flat plate) and a shaft. The shafts were strong enough to provide straight alignment (minimal flexure) during sand penetration, and small enough to produce negligible shaft drag compared with the sand resistance force acting on the probe head. Each probe was 41 cm long overall. The upper end of each shaft was connected to a force-measuring load cell (fig. 4).

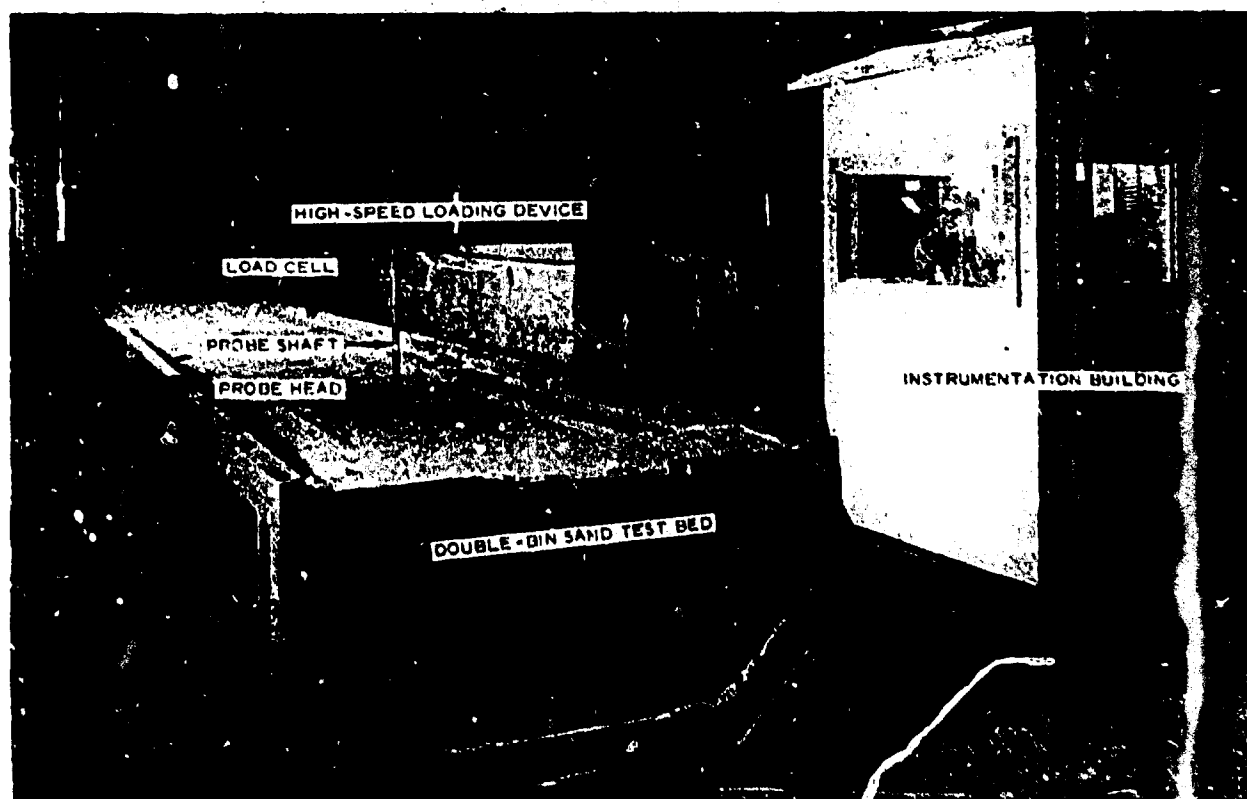


Fig. 4. General view of high-speed loading device, double-bin sand test bed, and instrumentation building

Low-speed penetrometer

14. For tests in the sand bins, a mechanized, low-speed cone penetrometer was used to obtain measurements of standard penetration resistance gradient G . An electric motor drove the 3.23-cm^2 cone vertically into the sand at a constant penetration of 3.05 cm/sec . Sand resistance force was measured by a load cell, and depth of penetration by a gear-driven circular potentiometer (fig. 5), so that a continuous record of cone penetration resistance versus depth was obtained

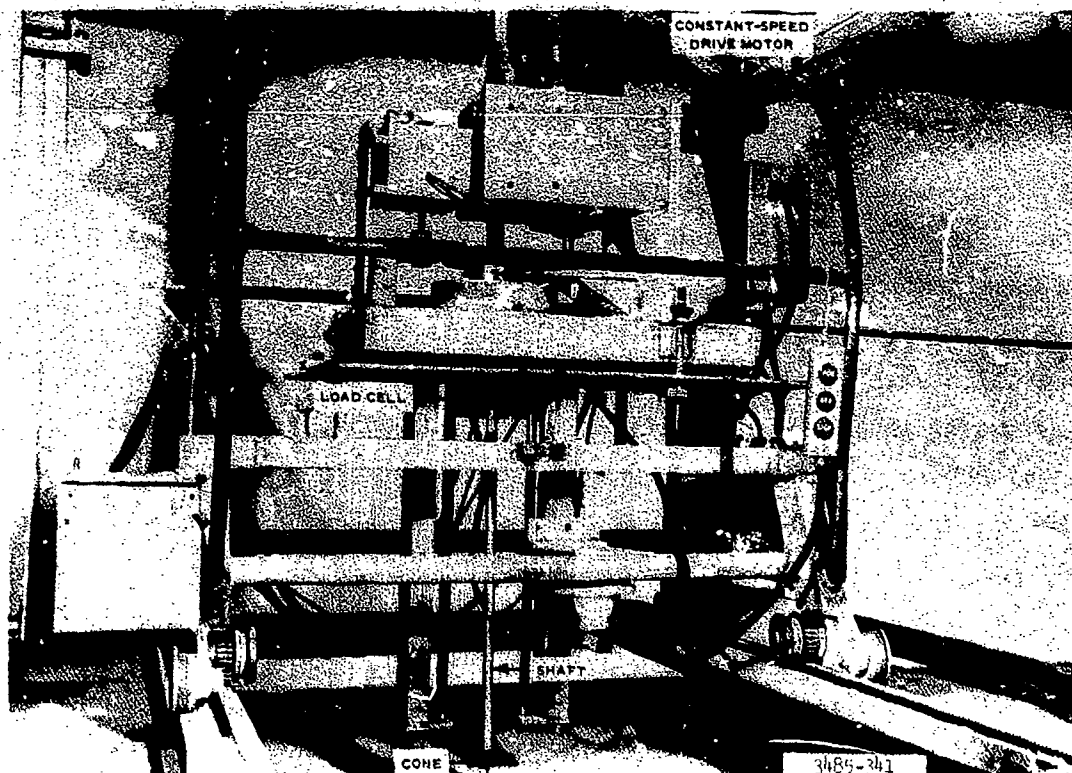


Fig. 5. Mechanized low-speed cone penetrometer

on an x-y recorder for each penetration (fig. 2). The shaft diameter used in measuring G was 0.95 cm for all tests with the standard cone in this report. (Reference 7 states, however, that essentially no influence on G values in Yuma sand is caused by using shaft diameters as different in size as 0.95 and 1.59 cm .)

High-speed loading device

15. The powerful and versatile loading device shown in fig. 4 allows loads, large or small, to be applied to test specimens (tires,

shock absorbers, soils, etc.) at controlled velocities for preset single strokes adjustable from 10 to 30 cm. Design velocities for the loading device range from near zero to about 1300 cm/sec.* During the early part of the stroke, the plunger is accelerated from rest to a preset velocity; over the middle portion of the stroke, velocity remains constant (within ± 10 percent); and near the end of the stroke, the plunger is rapidly decelerated to zero velocity. When operating in air at full 30-cm stroke, the portion of the total stroke that remains within ± 10 percent of constant speed is about 90 percent for speeds of the order of 10 cm/sec, but drops to about 20 percent at maximum speed.

16. For test velocities up to 200 cm/sec, conventional column-type load cells were used to measure the resistance of sand to penetration. The very large forces associated with both the acceleration and the deceleration phases of penetrations at larger velocities required that penetration resistance be measured by special low-mass, web-type load cells with mechanical restraint to prevent destructive overload. Only two of these special cells were available at the time of testing, one of 2224-N and another of 11,120-N capacity. In each test with the high-speed loading device, an accelerometer mounted just above the load cell measured acceleration during penetration.

Test Procedures

Standard measurements of G

17. After a given air-dry Yuma sand test bed was constructed, standard measurements of G were taken at six locations spaced uniformly over the length of the test bed at its transverse center line. A bed was accepted for testing only if all its standard G values were different from their average by no more than ± 10 percent. After test penetrations with the various cones and plates in a given sand bed were

* The nominal upper limit of penetration velocity was taken as 600 cm/sec for this study because the available load cells were unable to withstand the acceleration and deceleration forces associated with higher velocities.

completed, standard G values were again obtained at two or three locations over the length of the test bed. The G value reported for each sand bed is the average of all before-test and after-test values measured.

Tests of cones and plates

18. At least duplicate (occasionally triplicate) penetrations were made for each combination of probe size, shape, and velocity assigned to a given sand test bed. Testing involved the measurement of sand penetration resistance force (F_z), as a function of penetration of penetration depth and velocity of penetration. Quite often, situations arose where system inertial forces were large, even during the near-constant velocity segment of the penetration stroke that was of interest. To preserve resolution in recording F_z , a special technique was used to subtract from the overall force signal a signal equivalent to those forces due to acceleration and deceleration of the probe, shaft, and load cell that passed through the load cell, thereby allowing F_z per se to be recorded directly. During each stroke, three separate signals were continuously recorded: (a) accelerometer output, (b) load cell output, and (c) force signal corrected for acceleration. Before each test or series of tests with a given probe at a given velocity, the high-speed loading device was exercised by moving the probe downward in air (i.e. with zero penetration resistance) at the test design velocity. In-air runs were repeated until, by adjusting potentiometer settings that controlled the correction signal from signal (a), the contribution of inertia to signal (c) was eliminated, and the value of signal (c) remained constant at zero throughout the in-air run. During the subsequent in-sand test, signal (c) measured sand resistance force free of the effects of acceleration and deceleration of the probe load cell assembly. Hereafter, the term sand penetration resistance force (F_z) is the force measured by signal (c). Records of the relatively low resolution signals (a) and (b) were used only for spot checks and backup.

19. Two other variables were also electrically recorded: probe vertical velocity (V_z) and depth of the probe relative to the sand surface. (Zero depth was the point where the probe base was flush with the original sand surface.) The five electrical test signals were

recorded on analog magnetic tape and later machine digitized at 1-cm penetration increments.

20. Tests were conducted by moving a sand bin beneath the high-speed loading device (fig. 4), mounting a given probe, zeroing out the effects of probe acceleration (paragraph 18), and penetrating vertically at the desired velocity. A single longitudinal lane of tests at the bin transverse center line was developed by rolling the bin along steel tracks from one specified test position to the next. Minimum spacing between adjacent penetrations was based on a zone centered on the vertical axis of the probe, the zone being circular in shape and of radius equal to six times the smaller dimension of the probe for rectangular probes and six times the diameter for circular probes.⁸ Fig. 6 illustrates one such spacing. No influence of adjacent penetrations on individual F_z

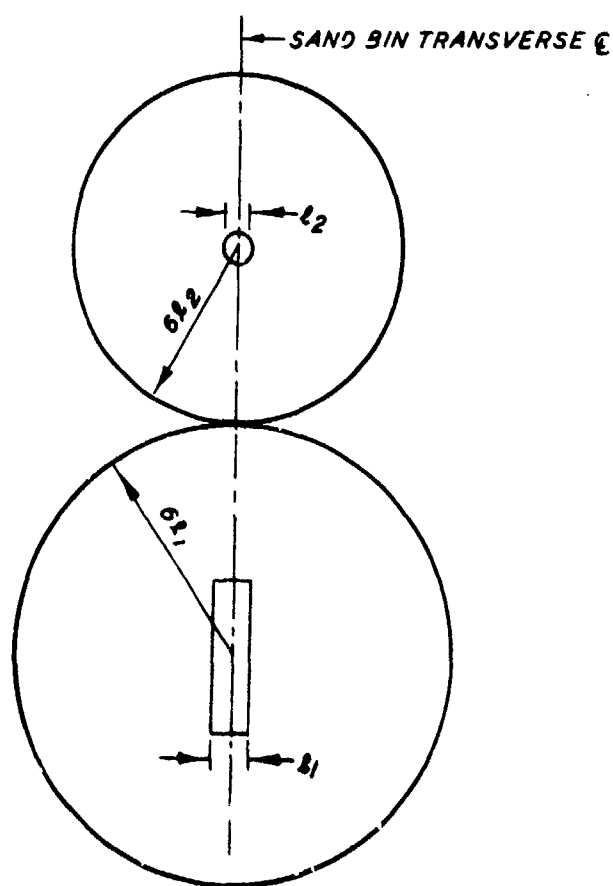


Fig. 6. Example of spacing between adjacent vertical penetrations in a Yuma sand test bin

versus depth curves was noted in analyzing the results of this study.

21. For each penetration, the length of stroke required to reach near-constant velocity was noted when the effects of probe acceleration were zeroed out in air prior to testing. The pre-test height of the probe above the sand was then set to a value slightly greater than this length, so that the probe was operating near the nominal test design velocity when it contacted the sand. In spite of this procedure, values of penetration velocity were found to vary considerably during the first 15 cm of penetration by the probe base for nearly all

sand penetrations at nominal velocities of 300 and 600 cm/sec, as well as for some penetrations at lower velocities.

22. This variability in vertical velocity caused no real problem. A discussion of this consideration and how the level of the velocity affects the shape of the probe base pressure versus depth curves for cones and plates, and thus affects the choice of locations along these curves to be singled out for analysis, is included in paragraphs 25-30.

23. Each of the cones and plates listed in paragraph 12 was tested at at least one penetration velocity in Yuma sand test beds of three strength levels--G values of about 1.3, 2.9, and 6.2 MN/m³. Probes smaller than 3.23-cm² base area were tested only at the lowest test velocity (3.05 cm/sec) because the two special load cells designed for high-speed use had capacities too large (2224 and 11,120 N) to allow accurate measurement of the small F_z values developed by these very small probes. Neither were all of the other possible combinations of probe size, shape, and velocity and sand G value tested. Enough were tested, however, to develop a useful description of the influence of each of these variables on sand penetration resistance.

Analysis of Data

24. Results of vertical penetration tests in air-dry Yuma sand at velocities from 3 to over 600 cm/sec are presented in table 1 for five sizes of 30-deg-apex-angle cones, and table 2 for five shapes and a range of sizes of flat plates.

Curves of probe base pressure (F_z/A) versus probe depth

25. Effects of velocity on curve shape. Velocity was found to have pronounced effects on the shape of the curve of probe base pressure (sand penetration resistance force per unit probe base area, F_z/A) versus depth of probe base for each of the cones and flat plates tested. Plate 1 shows the curves obtained for the standard 3.23-cm² cone in the $G = 2.48 \text{ MN/m}^3$ sand test bed for each of the six nominal penetration

velocities--3.05, 30, 100, 200, 300, and 600 cm/sec.* The progression in the shapes of these curves is representative of that obtained for each size of cone tested in a sand bed of given strength for the range of velocities considered.

26. At least three features of the curves in plate 1 are significant. First, the value of probe base pressure at zero cone base depth increases drastically as penetration velocity increases. Second, the shapes of the curves depart from near linearity as velocity increases beyond about 100 cm/sec. Third, the several curves in plate 1 tend to merge at about a cone base penetration of 10 cm. This indicates that disturbance of the sand ahead of the standard cone causes the consistency of the sand penetrated at cone depths greater than about 10 cm to correspond to the sand's critical void ratio.**

27. A family of curves similar to those in plate 1 is presented in plate 2 for the 25.8-cm², 1:4 rectangular plate tested over a range of velocities in Yuma sand test beds of $G \approx 2.9 \text{ MN/m}^3$. The features described in paragraph 26 for plate 1 and the standard cone also apply to plate 2 if (a) the term "cone base depth" in paragraph 26 is replaced by "plate base depth," and (b) the curves in plate 2 are scrutinized only in the 2.5- to 15-cm range of plate base depths. In all considerations that follow, probe base pressure data obtained for the test plates in the 0- to 2.5-cm depth range are ignored because, in each test, penetration to some depth within this range was required before values of probe base pressure stabilized to the pattern that prevailed over the major portion of the 0- to 15-cm depth range.

28. Selection of parts of curves for detailed analysis. In deciding what points from, or portion of, the curves of probe base pressure versus depth to analyze under the influence of probe velocity, it is well to consider the practical implications of testing at near-constant velocity. For vertical penetrations by probes in sand, interest

* The coordinates of each curve in plates 1 and 2 were obtained by averaging the coordinates of the curves from two or more replicate tests conducted at that particular nominal test velocity.

** At the critical void ratio, the rate of application of the shearing stress has no effects on the shearing resistance of sand.

generally centers on the curve only for the low, near-constant-speed situation. It is very unusual for vertical penetration velocity in sand to be maintained near-constant at a level of, say, 200 cm/sec or above to 15 cm or more depth in real-world applications. Mechanically driven probes nearly always penetrate sand at much lower near-constant velocities, and nondriven, i.e. air-dropped or impact-propelled, probes begin deceleration immediately upon contact with the sand.

29. Accordingly, the equation of the least-squares, best-fit straight line that describes the probe base pressure versus depth curve was obtained for a given (generally low-speed) test* only if at least 90 percent of its digitized velocity readings differed from their average by no more than ± 10 percent during the first 15 cm of probe base penetration. For the cones, these equations were based on probe base pressure and depth readings in the first 15 cm of base penetration; for the plates, in the first 2.5 to 15 cm of base penetration. For each near-constant-speed test, the probe base pressure versus depth relation was described by an equation of form $F_z/A = (F_z/A \text{ at zero probe base depth}) + G_x (\text{depth})$,** and the coefficient of correlation for each test was equal to at least 0.9. For each of these tests, tables 1 and 2 report G_x and the average value of velocity that prevailed in the depth range described by the equation. Also, values of probe base pressure at 0- and 2.5-cm base depths are reported for the cones and plates, respectively, and at 15-cm depth for both the cones and the plates, on the basis of values indicated for these depths from their least-squares equations relating probe base pressure and depth.

30. For tests whose velocity values did not satisfy the ± 10 percent criterion, table 1 reports values of probe base pressure and

* Here, a "test" is composed of either two or three penetrations made adjacent to one another under one set of preselected values of probe size, shape, and velocity.

** G_x is the gradient, or slope, of the probe base pressure versus depth curve for any given probe at any given velocity V_z small enough to allow the curve to be near-linear. G without a subscript denotes the gradient obtained under "standard" conditions, i.e. vertical penetration with a 3.23-cm² cone at 3.05 cm/sec in the 0- to 15-cm sand layer.

vertical velocity at 0- and 15-cm base depths for the cones, and at 2.5- and 15-cm base depths for the plates that were obtained by averaging the digital printout values from the two or more replicate tests at the particular probe base depth of interest. The 0- and 2.5-cm base depths were considered of interest for the cones and plates, respectively, because probe base pressure and vertical velocity readings at these depths should match fairly closely corresponding readings for air-dropped or impact-propelled cones and plates at the same depths. Values of probe base pressure and vertical velocity were sampled at the 15-cm depth to demonstrate that probe base pressure at substantial depth is nearly constant over the full range of velocities tested by a given probe in sand of given G value.

Penetration resistance gradient

31. Because the curve of probe base pressure versus depth generally departs more and more from linearity as velocity increases beyond the standard value of 3.05 cm/sec, a method of estimating G_x for the various test probes was developed only for this one velocity level. For a single type of sand penetrated at one speed by plates and cones of various sizes and shapes, the relation between G_x and G should be influenced only by the dimensions of the probes.

32. Effect of probe shape. Vertical penetrations were made at 3.05 cm/sec with each of the 23 test probes in sand test beds of three strength levels--standard G values of about 1.4, 3.4, and 6.6 MN/m³. Plate 3 shows that a linear (but not 1:1) relation exists between standard G and G_x measured with one size (25.8-cm² base area) of each of the six probe shapes tested. No significant separation in this relation by probe shape is noted, although a very broad range of shapes is represented by the data.

33. Effect of probe size. The relation of standard G to G_x measured by probe sizes ranging from 1.29 to 58.1 cm² is presented in plate 4. This relation can be described by a family of straight lines, separated by probe size, that passes through coordinates (1, 1). The equation for these lines is

$$(G_x - 1) = a(G - 1) \quad (1)$$

Slope a is linearly related to the ratio ℓ_s/ℓ_x by the equation

$$a = 0.20 + \left(0.80 \frac{\ell_s}{\ell_x}\right)$$

(where ℓ_s and ℓ_x are the square roots of the base areas of the standard 3.23-cm² cone and of the probe used to obtain a given G_x value, respectively). Thus, equation 1 becomes

$$G_x = (G - 1) \left[0.20 + \left(0.80 \frac{\ell_s}{\ell_x}\right) \right] + 1 \quad (2)$$

34. Equation 2 indicates that if values are known for G and ℓ_s from a standard penetration ($\ell_s = \sqrt{3.23 \text{ cm}^2} = 1.80 \text{ cm}$), then G_x can be estimated knowing only the value of ℓ_x for the particular cone or flat plate of interest.*

35. Equation 2 also can be expressed as

$$\frac{G_x - 1}{G - 1} = 0.20 + \left(0.80 \frac{\ell_s}{\ell_x}\right)$$

a relation of dimensionless ratios that describes G_x and its associated ℓ_x value normalized relative to G and ℓ_s , values descriptive of a standard cone penetration. In the paragraphs that follow, descriptions are developed of sand penetration resistance force (F_z) at 2.5- and 0-cm depths for the flat plates and cones, respectively. The format of these descriptions will be similar to that developed for G_x in that, in each case, F_z will be described relative to the dimensions of its associated probe base in a relation of dimensionless ratios normalized relative to the standard cone penetration.

Penetration resistance force (F_z)

for flat plates at base depth = 2.5 cm

36. Some rheological considerations. In plate 5, the relation of

* Equation 2 is applicable only if G and G_x are measured in MN/m³.

probe base pressure to vertical velocity is shown for one plate shape (circular base area) and five plate sizes--base areas from 1.29 to 58.1 cm²--from tests in sand beds of G values near 6.2 MN/m³. The data separate by plate size, and the curves have the same general shape. Before dealing with the effect of plate size, it is useful to consider some basic information from rheology.

37. In rheology, the flow characteristics of a material usually are described in terms of the relation of shearing stress to rate of shear. For example, the logarithmic portion of the curve in fig. 7 illustrates the flow characteristics of a pseudoplastic, or shear-

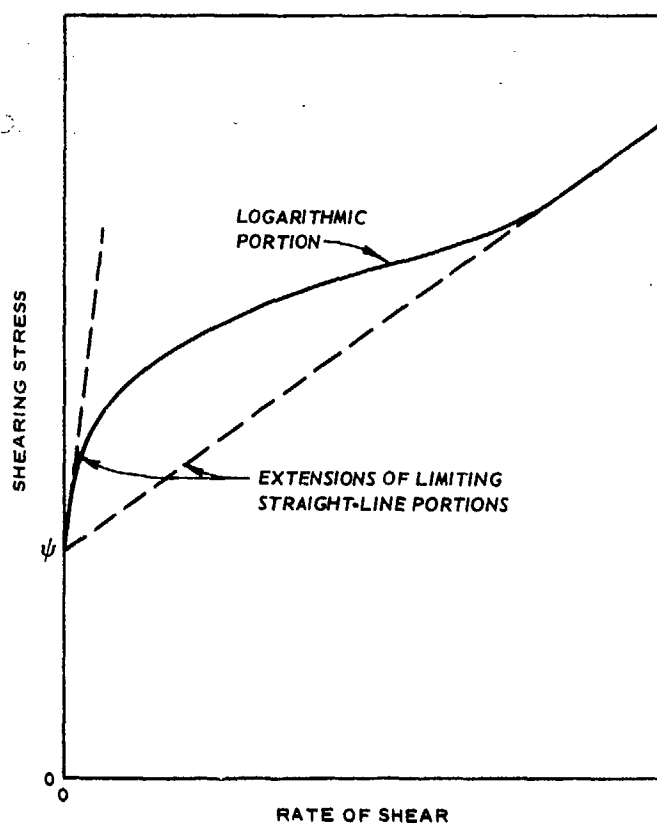


Fig. 7. Approximation of the flow curve of a pseudoplastic material with yield value ψ

thinning, fluid, i.e. a fluid whose shear stress increases less and less rapidly with increasing rate of shear. There is speculation that this relation does not remain a power function throughout an extended range of shearing stresses or rates of shear. Rather, it is thought that "the logarithmic function appears to fit that part of the curve lying between two limiting straight portions"⁹ (also shown in fig. 7).

The logarithmic part of the pseudoplastic flow curve is well documented; however, the curve shape beyond the logarithmic portion is open to question because of the limited amount of data reported in the literature for shear rates outside the logarithmic zone.

38. The curve shapes in fig. 7 and in plate 5 are similar. Because the resistance of sand to penetration by a probe is a function of sand deformation and flow, it is considered reasonable to begin the description of this resistance in units common to the rheological approach. The y-axis term in fig. 7 has units of pressure, the same as the units of probe base pressure in plate 5. The x-axis term in fig. 7 has units of velocity divided by length, or units of velocity gradient. To cause the x-axis term in plate 5 to have these units, plate velocity must be divided by some characteristic linear term of the probe-sand system. The term $l = \sqrt{A}$ was chosen so that the velocity gradient (i.e. V_z/l) for each test plate shape would be described on a common basis.

39. Effects of plate size and velocity ($V_z \leq 3$ m/sec). In examining the relation between probe base pressure and velocity gradient, attention is restricted first to data with a velocity ≤ 3 m/sec. An example of the reason for this is shown in plate 5, where relations are shown for the five circular-base-area plates, using data from tests in sand beds of G near 6.2 MN/m^3 . Each curve is convex upward (and plots straight-line on logarithmic paper) for values of velocity ≤ 3 m/sec. For velocity > 3 m/sec, the curve shape is different, indicating a different type of influence of velocity on probe base pressure. A change from convex upward to another curve shape was also obtained at a velocity of about 3 m/sec for each of the other combinations of probe size and shape and sand G value tested. Thus, a velocity of 3 m/sec appears to be a meaningful upper limit to use in the next stage of analysis.

40. The logarithmic relation of probe base pressure to velocity gradient is shown in plate 6a, using those data from plate 5 with velocity ≤ 3 m/sec. For these circular flat plates, the relation is described by a family of parallel straight lines separated by plate base area. Plate 6b demonstrates that these data fit closely about one line if

$A^{1.2}$ is used instead of A in the y-axis variable. The ordinate term $F_z/A^{1.2}$ has units that lie almost midway between force per unit area and force per unit volume. This term is useful in that it describes on a common basis the relation of F_z to plate size under the influence of a range of values of velocity gradient for a variety of sizes of flat, circular plates.

41. Effect of sand strength. All the data in plates 5 and 6 were obtained in sand test beds with G near 6.2 MN/m^3 . To describe the $F_z/A^{1.2}$ versus velocity gradient relation in plate 6b on a common basis for a range of G values, this relation was normalized relative to conditions associated with the standard cone penetration used to obtain G . In the normalized ratios used in subsequent analysis for both plate and cone penetrations, the numerator will have subscript x (to denote the numerator's value not being limited to any particular set of conditions relative to probe size, shape, or speed), and the denominator will have subscript s (to indicate that its value was obtained under conditions associated with the measurement of standard G).

42. Thus, the normalized abscissa term is $(V_z/l)_x / (V_z/l)_s$, which is further abbreviated to $(V_z/l)_{xs}$ and hereafter called the velocity gradient ratio. The term $(V_z/l)_s$ has a value of 3.09 cm/sec divided by 1.80 cm or 1.69 sec^{-1} . Similarly, the normalized ordinate term is $(F_z/A^{1.2})_x / (F_z/A^{1.2})_s$, or $(F_z/A^{1.2})_{xs}$, hereafter termed the plate-cone stress ratio. In $(F_z/A^{1.2})_s$, $(A^{1.2})_s = (3.23 \text{ cm}^2)^{1.2} = 4.08 \text{ cm}^{2.4}$, and $(F_z)_s$ is the vertical sand resistance force acting on the 3.23-cm^2 cone at 3.05 cm/sec speed at zero (not 2.5-cm) base depth penetration. Values inside parentheses in the terms $(V_z/l)_x$ and $(F_z/A^{1.2})_x$ describe the plate penetration of interest.

43. The relation of plate-cone stress ratio to velocity gradient ratio is shown in plate 7 for tests of flat circular plates of sizes from 1.29 to 58.1 cm^2 in sand test beds of G values from 1.08 to 6.91 MN/m^3 , with vertical velocity $\leq 3 \text{ m/sec}$. The closed-symbol data points represent the same data shown in plate 6b. Clearly, the normalization technique described in paragraphs 41 and 42 can be used successfully to account for the effects of sand strength on the $F_z/A^{1.2}$

versus velocity gradient relation. The equation of the straight line used in plate 7 to describe the test results is

$$\left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.2}} \right)_{xs} = 2.4 \left(\frac{v_z}{l} \right)_{xs}^{0.25}$$

44. Effect of plate shape. A well-defined, straight-line logarithmic relation between $\left(F_z/A^{1.2} \right)_{xs}$ and velocity gradient ratio was obtained for each of the other shapes of flat plates tested (rectangular plates of 1:1, 1:2, 1:4, and 1:8 width-to-length ratios). For each plate, the slope of the line was essentially the same, 0.25; however, the value of $\left(F_z/A^{1.2} \right)_{xs}$ became progressively smaller at a given value of velocity gradient ratio as plate shape changed from circular to 1:1 to 1:2 to 1:4 to 1:8. This separation was accounted for by normalizing the ordinate variable in terms of area-perimeter ratio ($A/P = R_h$)* of a given "x" plate raised to the 0.4 power, relative to the corresponding value of a circular-base-area probe of the same base area as the "x" plate. That is, the ordinate term was changed from $\left(F_z/A^{1.2} \right)_{xs}$ to

$$\left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.2}} \right)_{xs} \times \left(\frac{R_h^{0.4} c}{R_h^{0.4} x} \right)$$

or

$$\left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.2}} \right)_{xs} \times \left(R_h^{0.4} \right)_{cx}$$

where $(R_h)_c$ is A/P for a circular-base-area probe of the same base area as plate "x." The term $\left(F_z/A^{1.2} \right)_{xs} \times (R_h^{0.4})_{cx}$ takes the name "plate-cone stress ratio," the same name coined first in paragraph 42

* Recent literature on plate penetration in soils has designated the ratio A/P (the inverse of the perimeter-area ratio more commonly used in soil mechanics) as the "hydraulic radius,"¹⁰ and the notation $A/P = R_h$ has been used in this report.

for $\left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.2}}\right)_{xs}$ for circular-base-area plates which have a value of $\left(R_h^{0.4}\right)_{cx}$ of 1.

45. Plates 7 and 8 demonstrate that a single relation

$$\left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.2}}\right)_{xs} \times \left(R_h^{0.4}\right)_{cx} = 2.4 \left(\frac{V_z}{l}\right)_{xs}^{0.25} \quad (3)$$

describes quite well the response of F_z to a wide range of sand strengths (G values from 1.08 to 6.91 MN/m³) and plates sizes and shapes.* The upper limit of vertical velocity in plates 7 and 8 is 3 m/sec. For the data shown, values of velocity gradient ratio ranged from 0.236 to 98.0, which corresponds to a range of values of plate-cone stress ratio from equation 3 of 1.67 to 7.55.

46. Describing F_z for the full velocity range tested. To expand the description of F_z to include values of velocity larger than 3 m/sec, a relation is used similar to one often employed in fluid mechanics and aerodynamics. In this relation, drag coefficient C_D (drag force/inertial force) is plotted on logarithmic paper against Reynolds number N_R (inertial viscous/force), with a characteristic curve shape being produced like that in fig. 8. In the viscous range, the slope of the curve is -45 deg, i.e. negative 1:1, indicating that $C_D \propto N_R^{-1}$ [drag/inertial force \propto (inertial force/viscous force)⁻¹] or drag is directly proportional to viscous force. In the dynamic range, the curve is practically flat, so (drag/inertial force) = a constant, i.e. drag is directly proportional to inertial force only. The shape of the curve in the transition range depends on both the viscous and the inertial properties of the medium penetrated.

47. Certainly, air-dry sand does not develop viscous forces in the conventional sense that these forces arise from fluid layers within a material interacting with one another. However, the increase in shear

* Because plate 7 represents test results for circular plates, $\left(R_h\right)_{cx} = 1$, and the ordinate variable in plate 7 has the same meaning as $\left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.2}}\right)_{xs} \times \left(R_h\right)_{cx}$.

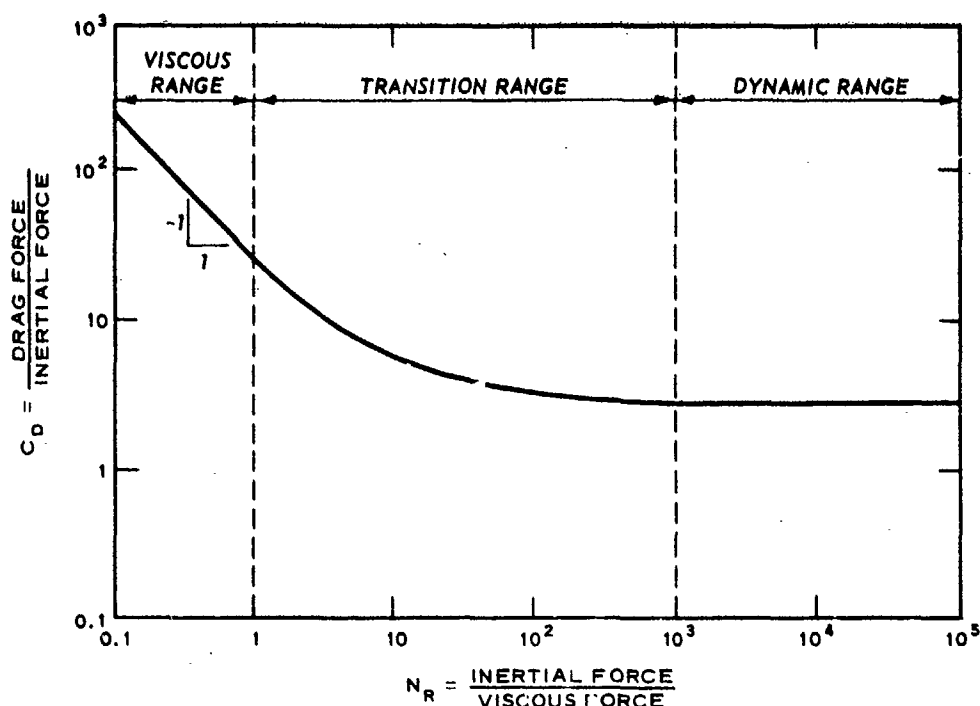


Fig. 8. Representative drag coefficient versus Reynolds number curve

resistance in the logarithmic portion of the curve in fig. 7 does result from viscosity, and equation 3 was developed to describe $(F_z)_x$ in a normalized, logarithmic format starting with variables similar to those in fig. 7 (plates 7 and 8 and paragraphs 39-45). Thus, the increase in $(F_z)_x$ for velocity ≤ 3 m/sec follows a pattern similar to the increase in viscous force of a pseudoplastic fluid. Note, also, that inertial force developed by a probe of base area A and velocity V in a fluid of density ρ^* is described by

$$F_i = \frac{\rho A V^2}{2}$$

48. Taking the considerations above into account, a relation similar to that in fig. 7 was developed for flat plates in air-dry sand by (a) replacing "viscous force" in fig. 8 with

$$(F_z)_x = \left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.2}} \right)_s \times A_x^{1.2} \times \left(R_h^{0.4} \right)_{xc} \times 2.4 \left(\frac{V_z}{l} \right)_{xs}^{0.25} \quad (\text{from equation 3}), (4)$$

* For air-dry sand, ρ is mass density, defined as sand unit dry weight divided by acceleration due to gravity, γ_d/g .

(b) computing "inertial force" for sand as

$$\frac{\rho(AV_z^2)}{2}_x$$

and (c) using measured $(F_z)_x$ in place of "drag force." Plate 9 shows this relation, using all of the data from the WES tests of flat plates in air-dry Yuma sand. (Open-symbol data in plate 9 were obtained at vertical velocities ≤ 3 m/sec, closed-symbol data at velocities > 3 m/sec.) The curve that describes this relation is linear with a slope of -1 for abscissa values up to about 0.02. Beyond 0.02, the data describe a curve that approaches the horizontal more and more as values of the abscissa term increase. This indicates that inertial forces contributed to $(F_z)_x$ for vertical velocities > 3 m/sec, but no plate test was conducted at velocities large enough to cause $(F_z)_x$ to be dominated by inertial forces.

49. To estimate $(F_z)_x$ from the relation in plate 9 requires knowledge of the size, shape, and velocity of the flat plate of interest; the mass density of the sand; and information in terms of F_z , A , V_z , and l_s from a cone penetration to obtain standard G . Then, the value of $(F_z)_x$ is estimated by calculating the value of the abscissa term in plate 9; determining the corresponding ordinate value from the curve; and multiplying this ordinate value by the value of $\rho AV_z^2/2$ for the plate of interest.

$(F_z)_x$ for cones at base depth = 0

50. The same procedure outlined in paragraphs 39-43 for the flat plates was used to obtain a description of $(F_z)_x$ at zero base depth for 30-deg-apex-angle cones of a range of sizes (base areas from 1.29 to 58.1 cm²) in Yuma sand test beds of G values from 1.08 to 6.91 MN/m³, with velocities ≤ 3 m/sec. The logarithmic relation of cone stress ratio $(F_z/A^{1.3})_{xs}$ to velocity gradient ratio $(V_x/l)_{xs}$, shown in plate 10, effectively describes $(F_z)_x$ in a normalized format that includes measurements of all the major variables that influence $(F_z)_x$.

The relation is different from the corresponding one for flat circular plates (plate 7) in that (a) $A^{1.3}$ instead of $A^{1.2}$ appears in the ordinate term, and (b) the ordinate term in plate 10 increases logarithmically only after velocity gradient ratio values exceed about 2.3.

51. The curve in plate 10 must pass through coordinates (1,1) since the variables in plate 10 are normalized relative to the standard cone penetration. Accordingly, the horizontal part of the curve in plate 10 has ordinate value 1.0. For values of velocity gradient ratio greater than 2.3, the relation is described by

$$\left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.3}}\right)_{xs} = 0.65 \left(\frac{V_z}{l}\right)_{xs}^{0.50} \quad (5)$$

Thus, a velocity gradient ratio of 2.3 can be considered a threshold value below which cone stress ratio remains essentially constant, and above which it increases as $0.65(V_z/l)^{0.50}$

52. In plate 11, all the data from plate 10 (open symbols), together with all data for the cones at velocities >3 m/sec (closed symbols), are plotted logarithmically in the relation of

$$\frac{\text{measured } (F_z)_x}{\rho (AV_z^2/2)_x} \text{ versus } \frac{\rho (AV_z^2/2)_x}{\left[(F_z)_x \text{ computed from relation in plate 10} \right]}$$

No significant departure of the data from a line of slope equal to -1 is noted, indicating that the velocities of these cone tests were not large enough to develop inertial forces that were sizable in comparison with the forces expressed by the denominator of the abscissa term. This result was obtained even though values of velocity up to 6.90 m/sec are included in plate 11.

53. A comparison of plate 10 with plate 7 and plate 11 with plate 9 shows that $(F_z)_x$ for cones and flat plates is markedly different even though these probes had circular bases of the same range of sizes and operated over about the same range of velocity values in

sand beds of similar G values for the tests reported herein.

$(F_z)_x$ for plates
and cones at 15-cm depth

54. Values are listed in tables 1 and 2 for sand penetration resistance force $(F_z)_x$ and velocity $(V_z)_x$ measured at 15-cm probe base depth for each cone and plate penetration. For each combination of probe size and shape and sand G value, $(F_z)_x$ varied only slightly with velocity at the 15-cm depth (reference plates 1 and 2). If a situation arises where $(F_z)_x$ needs to be estimated at some substantial probe base depth (say, ≥ 10 cm) for a given flat plate or cone with velocity of > 3.05 cm/sec, a reasonable approach is to estimate $(F_z)_x$ at that depth for the probe of interest with velocity equal to 3.05 cm/sec. To accomplish this, first estimate $(F_z)_x$ at 2.5-cm base depth for a given plate using equation 4 (plates 7 and 8); or estimate $(F_z)_x$ at zero base depth for a given cone using

$$(F_z)_x = A_x^{1.3} \times \left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.3}} \right)_s$$

for $(V_z/l)_{xs} \leq 2.3$ and

$$(F_z)_x = A_x^{1.3} \times \left(\frac{F_z}{A^{1.3}} \right)_s \times 0.65 \left(\frac{V_z}{l} \right)_{xs}^{0.50}$$

for $(V_z/l)_{xs} > 2.3$ (plate 10). In these estimates of $(F_z)_x$, use $(V_z)_x = 3.05$ cm/sec. Next, estimate G_x for the probe of interest by using equation 2 [again, with $(V_z)_x = 3.05$ cm/sec]. Then, $(F_z)_x$ for $(V_z)_x \geq 3.05$ cm/sec at the depth of interest (≥ 10 cm) can be approximated by $\left[(F_z)_x \text{ at 0 or 2.5 cm} \right] + \left[G_x \times (\text{depth of interest} - 0 \text{ or } 2.5 \text{ cm}) \right]$.

PART III: LOW-SPEED VERTICAL CONE PENETRATIONS IN DRY-TO-MOIST SAND

Test Sand and Its Preparation

Test sand

55. The same type of desert (Yuma) sand used in the tests described in Part II of this report (paragraph 9) was also used in the tests described in this part.

Sand preparation

56. Samples of air-dry Yuma sand (moisture content from 0.4 to 0.5 percent) were prepared in 38-cm-inside-diameter, 30-cm-high steel molds by pouring the sand from a height of 45 cm above the mold, taking care to cover the full area of a given mold uniformly as it was filled. Different sand densities (and G values) were produced by varying the rate of sand discharge into the molds. This was accomplished by use of an adjustable nozzle in the flexible hose through which the sand flowed into the molds.

57. Yuma sand test samples at moisture contents from 1.1 to 12.3 percent were produced by carefully blending prescribed amounts of sand and water to produce a homogeneous mixture at the desired moisture content. Three levels of sand unit dry weight were used for nearly all of the moist-sand samples--approximately 15.1, 15.4, and 16.0 kN/m³. For a given sample, the sand was placed in the steel mold in shallow layers (from as little as 3.6 to as much as 5.9 cm thick) and each layer was compacted by blows of a 12.2-kg hammer falling 15 cm. The number of blows and the sand thickness per layer were varied until a combination was obtained that produced a near-linear increase of cone penetration resistance with depth for each combination of moisture content and unit dry weight tested.

58. Sand strength in the test molds was characterized primarily in terms of G , although measurements were also taken of unit dry weight and moisture content for each test sample. The cone penetration resistance versus depth curves obtained in the test molds had essentially

the same near-linear shape as those (fig. 2) obtained in the sand test bins, for both the air-dry and moist samples of Yuma sand.

Test Equipment

59. Two penetrometers with the WES standard cone (3.23-cm^2 base area) were used in the vertical penetration tests of dry-to-moist Yuma sand. The first penetrometer forced the cone into the sand at constant velocity from 0.017 to 6 cm/sec by means of a mechanical rack-and-pinion gear arrangement (fig. 9a). Cone penetration resistance versus depth of penetration was recorded by an x-y plotter (records similar to fig. 2).

60. The second penetrometer was a triaxial machine modified for this study by removing the triaxial chamber, widening the outer arms of the moving element to accept the 39.4-cm-outside-diameter test mold, and mounting a cone-shaft-load cell arrangement in the center of the moving element (fig. 9b). This machine was used for cone penetration tests at speeds from 0.3 to 35.1 cm/sec. (Values of G obtained at overlapping velocity values for the two penetrometers indicated no influence of machine type on the test results.) An oscillograph recorded F_z , depth of cone penetration, vertical velocity, acceleration, and F_z free of the effects of acceleration and deceleration of the cone-shaft-load cell assembly.*

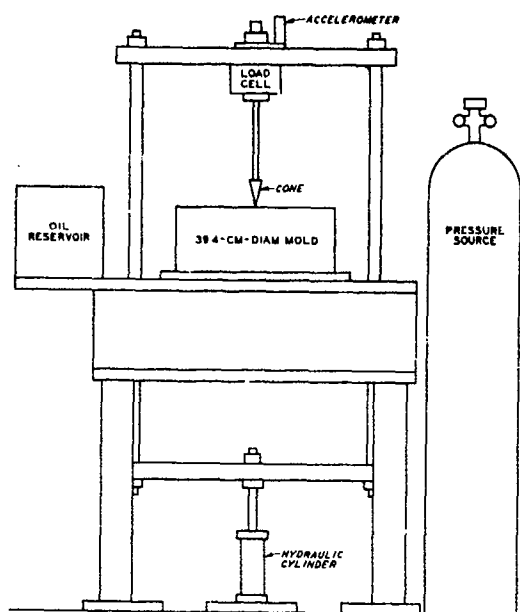
Test Procedures

61. For both penetrometers, three cone penetrations were made in each sand mold at a given test velocity. Variables measured for each mold included sand unit dry weight and moisture content, cone vertical

* The influence of acceleration and deceleration of the cone-shaft-load cell assembly on measured sand penetration resistance force F_z was eliminated for tests with the modified triaxial machine by the same technique described for the high-speed loading device in paragraph 18. That is, the F_z values reported herein reflect the interaction of the cone and sand only, not the effects of accelerating or decelerating the cone-shaft-load cell assembly.



a. Mechanical penetrometer



b. Modified triaxial machine

Fig. 9. Penetrometers used in vertical penetration tests of dry-to-moist Yuma sand contained in steel molds

velocity, and penetration resistance gradient G (from the curves of cone penetration resistance versus depth). Average values of each of these four variables are listed in tables 3 and 4 for each sand mold specimen tested.

Analysis of Data

62. The results of vertical penetration tests with the standard WES 3.23-cm² cone at $(v_z)_x$ values from 0.01' to 35.1 cm/sec in test molds of Yuma sand whose moisture contents ranged from 0.4 to 11.5 percent are presented in table 3. Table 4 presents data from a separate block of 16 tests with the standard cone at standard velocity

(3.05 cm/sec) in Yuma sand molds of 0.5 to 12.3 percent moisture content. Data in table 4 were obtained to complement relations developed from the data in table 3.

Effects of velocity

63. The relation of sand penetration resistance gradient G_x to vertical penetration velocity $(V_z)_x$ is shown in plate 12 for the 3.23-cm² cone tested at four levels of moisture content (approximate values of 0.5, 1.4, 2.1, and 7.0 percent) and at velocities from 0.0295 to 33.4 cm/sec. All data in plate 12 are from molds of Yuma sand tested at one level of sand unit dry weight (γ_d), approximately 15.4 kN/m³. No significant effect of velocity on G_x is apparent, and the relation for each of the four moisture content levels is described by a horizontal line.* Clearly, G_x is strongly influenced by moisture content; more than a fourfold increase in the value of G_x resulted from increasing moisture content from 0.5 to 7.0 percent.

64. Nearly the full range of $(V_z)_x$ values in table 3 is included in plate 13. The lack of influence of $(V_z)_x$ on G_x in plate 12, together with the fact that standard velocity, 3.05 cm/sec, is included in the range of $(V_z)_x$ values in the abscissa term of this plate, allows G_x values from table 3 to be considered equivalent to standard G values. In all relations examined in the remainder of this part of the report, tables 3 and 4 are considered to contain values of G , not G_x .

Effects of unit dry weight and moisture content

65. Changes in the value of unit dry weight produce corresponding changes in the value of G , as demonstrated in plate 13 for four levels of moisture content. The semilogarithmic relation between G and unit dry weight in plate 13 is described by a family of parallel straight

* The insensitivity of G_x to increases in velocity up to 33.4 cm/sec (the largest velocity in plate 12) agrees with results obtained with the standard cone in Part II of this report. From page 1 of table 1, G_x values obtained with the 3.23-cm² cone at approximately 30 cm/sec were 1.44, 2.44, and 5.66 MN/m³ in sand test beds of standard G values 1.40, 2.48, and 6.06 MN/m³, respectively.

lines separated by levels of moisture content. This indicates that a given change in the value of unit dry weight produces approximately the same percentage change in the value of G for any moisture content within the range tested. Of course, the numerical change in G caused by a given change in unit dry weight increases as the value of moisture content increases.

66. The straight lines in plate 13 are described by the equation

$$\log G = \log a + \frac{\gamma_d}{3} \quad (6)$$

The algebraic value of $\log a$ in equation 6 increases with increasing values of moisture content--see fig. 10. This figure shows that the value of $\log a$ increases rapidly as moisture content increases from 0.4 to about 3 percent; beyond 3 percent, the rate of increase of $\log a$

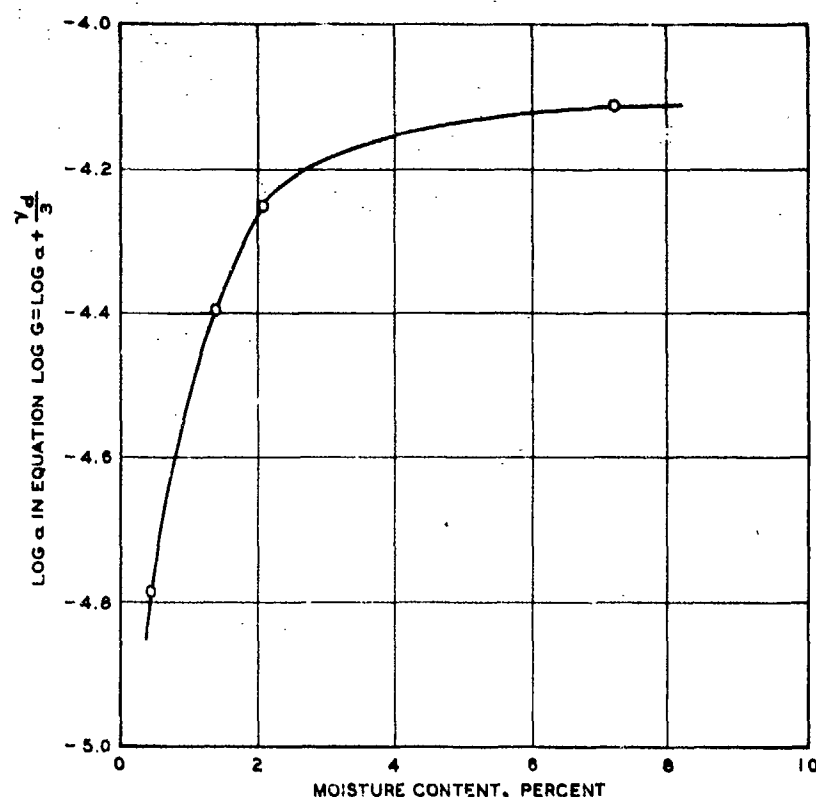


Fig. 10. Relation of $\log a$ in equation 6 to moisture content

becomes progressively much smaller. Plate 14 shows that variation in moisture content influences G in a pattern similar to its influence on $\log a$ in fig. 10. For each of the three unit dry weight levels represented in plate 14, the major portion of the increase in G occurs as moisture content increases from 0.4 to 3 percent.

67. In terms of vehicle mobility, the strong dependence of G on moisture content at small values of the latter variable carries important practical implications. All WES laboratory tests of single model wheels and tracks, as well as of prototype vehicles, have been conducted in air-dry sand. Thus, the descriptions of vehicle running gear performance based on evaluations of these tests should be conservative when a given value of sand unit dry weight is considered.* Analysis of the results of many field tests of prototype wheeled vehicles conducted in dry-to-wet sands indicated that G has the same meaning relative to running gear performance, no matter what the moisture.¹¹ A strong statement to this effect cannot be made at present, however, because a sizable amount of data scatter was present in the relations between running gear performance and a prediction term that included G . Controlled laboratory tests of wheels and tracks should be conducted in moist-to-wet sands to determine with improved accuracy how G at different moisture content levels is related to vehicle running gear performance.

* This results because vehicle running gear performance normally worsens (pull decreases, sinkage increases, motion resistance increases, tractive efficiency decreases, etc.) as the value of G decreases. Over the range of moisture contents studied herein, the smallest value of G was obtained for the air-dry condition.

PART IV: HORIZONTAL PENETRATION TESTS WITH PROBES IN AIR-DRY SAND

Test Sand and Its Preparation

68. The air-dry Yuma sand used for horizontal cone penetration tests at WES was the same type of sand described in paragraph 9. Each test was conducted in a sand bed enclosed by five 0.8- by 1.6- by 8.2-m soil bins joined end to end, with the interior bin gates removed. The sand preparation technique was the same as that described in paragraphs 10 and 11.

Test Equipment

Low-speed penetrometer

69. Measurements of standard penetration resistance gradient G were taken in a given five-bin sand test bed using the same mechanized, low-speed cone penetrometer described in paragraph 14.

Test cones and dynamometer

70. Horizontal penetrations were made with steel, 30-deg-apex-angle, right circular cones of four sizes--base areas of 3.23, 6.45, 12.90, and 23.23 cm^2 --by using a special cone assembly mounted on the forward face of a dynamometer test carriage (fig. 11). In the assembly, a hollow outer shaft protected a specially machined inner shaft, which was threaded to receive the test cones and instrumented with strain gages to record only the force transmitted to its leading face by the cone, i.e. the strain gages were positioned such that forces only on the base of the cone, not on the shaft, were recorded. Calibration tests showed that axial loads over the full range subsequently encountered during testing were recorded to an accuracy of ± 2 percent. Also, it was determined that forces applied perpendicularly to the shaft were not picked up by the strain gages, indicating that any nonaxial loads caused by shaft misalignment were not recorded.



Fig. 11. Cone assembly mounted on forward face of dynamometer test carriage

Test Procedures and Data Reduction

Test procedures

71. After a given five-bin test bed of air-dry Yuma sand was prepared, measurements of G were taken at 1.5-m intervals over the length of the bed (about 18 m long for each test) at its transverse center line. Next, the test cone was screwed into the shaft of the special cone assembly, which itself was rigidly mounted on the front face and at the transverse center line of the dynamometer carriage. The tip of the cone was then set to a predetermined depth beneath the level of the sand surface, and a final check was made to assure that the cone shaft was horizontally aligned. While the cone and shaft were still in air, calibration checks were made of the cone shaft's strain-gage system and of an oscillograph system that recorded the test results.

72. To allow the penetration velocity of a test to begin at zero,

the core assembly was moved forward very slowly until the cone was several meters inside the first sand bin, at which time the carriage was stopped. The actual test was then begun by moving the assembly forward several meters at the dynamometer's lowest creep speed.* After this initial penetration period, the test velocity was programmed to increase linearly to a maximum value (about 3.8 m/sec for most tests, up to 5.2 m/sec for several), and then to decrease linearly to zero. Each horizontal penetration passed through the locations of the vertical cone penetrations that were made prior to the test to obtain standard G values. Values of horizontal force F_x acting on the base of the test cone, horizontal test cone velocity V_x , and acceleration a were recorded by the oscillograph.

Data reduction

73. Values of horizontal force were measured at corresponding values of velocity during the acceleration and deceleration phases of each test, and the average of the two force values are reported herein for each velocity level sampled. Each pair of force readings at a common velocity had nearly equal values, indicating that the increasing-, then decreasing-speed technique affected the force negligibly. Using the average of two force values measured at locations a considerable distance apart also had the advantage of "balancing out" the effects of slight nonuniformities in sand strength over the length of the test bed.

Performance of Cones and Plane Blades in Sand

Some general considerations

74. Soil cutting by tillage tools is a practice many centuries old. Earth moving by machines with scraper blades has become a common practice since the turn of the century. In both cases, the penetrating implement moves generally parallel to the soil surface. Also in both

* Even this procedure failed to produce usable data below about 0.3 m/sec, since F_x (horizontal force imparted by the sand to the cone base) stabilized to a given pattern only after a velocity of about 0.3 m/sec was reached.

cases, a quantitative description of the influence on soil penetration resistance of the pertinent soil and implement variables would lead to better, more rational design of the penetrating implement.

75. Two types of horizontal penetrations in sand may be considered: (a) those made well below the sand surface and (b) those made near the surface. Only penetrations of the second type were conducted at WES for this study. Analysis of the results of these cone penetration tests, together with a summary of major findings from two similar non-WES studies, is presented below. This analysis is followed by a discussion of some major points from a comprehensive study¹² of plane cutting blades tested near the sand surface.

Cones tested beneath
the sand surface at WES

76. Data from 22 horizontal penetration tests conducted beneath the surface of air-dry Yuma sand with four sizes of 30-deg-apex-angle, right circular cones are presented in table 5.

77. Dimensionless description of the cone-sand system. To describe the physical characteristics of the system in which the horizontal cone penetration tests were conducted, the sketch in fig. 12 was prepared. The following variables and their associated units of force,

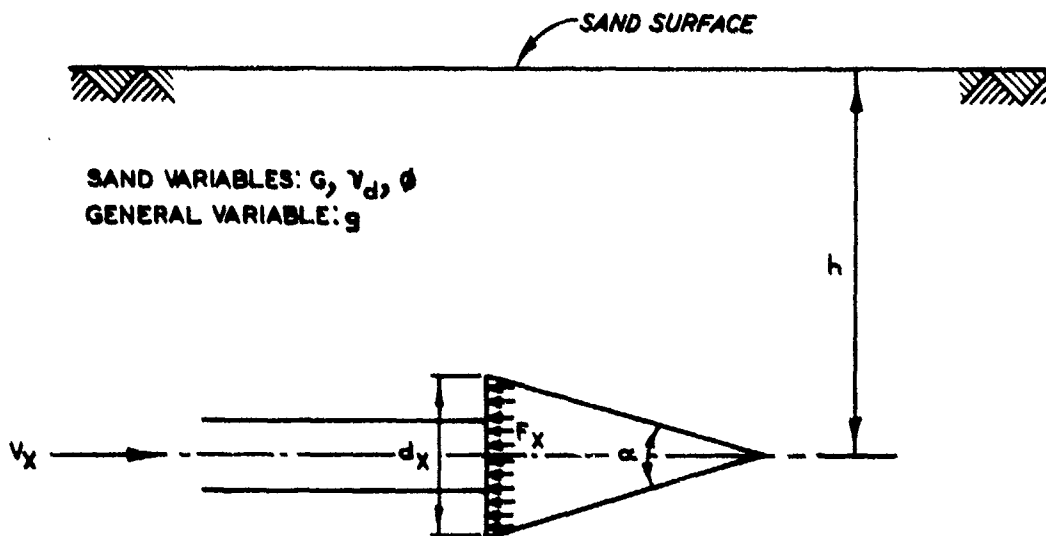


Fig. 12. Sketch of cone-sand system for a cone penetrating horizontally beneath the sand surface

length, and time (FLT units) describe the system:

a. Dependent variable.

F_x , sand resistance force measured in the direction of horizontal cone penetration (F)

b. Independent variables.

(1) Cone.

α , cone tip apex angle (deg)

d_x , diameter of cone base* (L)

h , depth of cone tip in its test position beneath the undisturbed sand surface (L)

V_x , horizontal cone velocity (LT^{-1})

(2) Sand.

G , sand standard penetration resistance gradient (FL^{-3})

γ_d , sand unit dry weight (FL^{-3})

ϕ , angle of internal friction of the sand (deg)

(3) General.

g , acceleration due to gravity (LT^{-2})

78. From dimensional analysis, the Buckingham Pi Theorem states that the number of dimensionless terms needed to express a relation among the variables is equal to the number of pertinent variables minus the number of dimensions (i.e. force, length, and time units) among these variables. Assuming all the variables in paragraph 77 are pertinent, six ($9 - 3$) dimensionless terms are needed in the general relation that describes force F_x . Formal techniques have been developed for forming the terms, but they can be derived easily by inspection for this analysis. The general form of the relation between F_x and the independent variables in paragraph 77 can be expressed as

$$\frac{F_x}{Gd_x^3} = f\left(\alpha, \frac{h}{d_x}, \frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}}, \frac{\gamma_d}{G}, \phi\right) \quad (7)$$

79. Only four of the dimensionless terms in equation 7 were needed to describe the WES cone-sand system since (a) cone tip apex

* Because all of the test cones had the same shape, any given linear dimension of the cone can be used to characterize cone size.

angle α was 30 deg for all the test cones, and (b) angle of internal friction ϕ varied by only about 2 deg for the full range of G values tested and, therefore, could be considered constant. Thus, equation 7 was reduced to

$$\frac{F_x}{Gd_x^3} = f\left(\frac{h}{d_x}, \frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}}, \frac{\gamma_d}{G}\right) \quad (8)$$

It is emphasized that variables of the same dimensions in equation 8 can be interchanged, the dimensionless terms can be inverted, and different dimensionless terms can be formed by multiplying or dividing dimensionless terms by one another and/or by performing the same mathematical operation on the numerator and denominator of a given dimensionless term.

80. Test results at 30 cm/sec. A logical representation of the term F_x/Gd_x^3 in equation 8 is $(F_x/d_x^2)/Gd_x$, or $(F_x/A_x)/Gd_x$ where A_x is the base area of the cone. The numerator in the latter term describes cone base pressure, and the denominator can be considered an indicator of sand pressure at some unspecified depth. This term can be altered to another dimensionless term by multiplying it by $(d_x/h)^2$, i.e.

$$\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gd_x} \times \frac{d_x^2}{h^2} = \frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x} \quad (9)$$

This last dimensionless term has been produced by manipulation of the first two terms in equation 8, and is hereafter called the "cone-sand pressure ratio."

81. To determine whether the cone-sand pressure ratio is a meaningful, stable term, its numerator was plotted versus its denominator in plate 15, using data thought to be affected very little by the last two dimensionless terms in equation 8. Relative to the Froude number $(V_x/\sqrt{gd_x})$, velocity V_x was held constant at 30 cm/sec, the lowest velocity in the programmed-velocity tests that was judged adequate to produce reliable measurements of F_x . Concerning the term γ_d/G , values of G for the horizontal cone penetration tests ranged from

1.05 to 4.33 MN/m³ (table 5). From plate 13, corresponding values of γ_d are 14.4 and 16.3 kN/m³, respectively, which define a very small range. Thus, it was anticipated that the Froude number and γ_d/G would have only slight influence on the relation of F_x/A_x to Gh^2/d_x .

82. The data in plate 15 fit closely about the straight line described by

$$\frac{F_x}{A_x} = 70 + \left(0.050 \frac{Gh^2}{d_x} \right)$$

All but two of the 22 tests represented in plate 15 were conducted at $h = 17.8$ cm (open-symbol data points). The other two tests (closed symbols) were conducted at $h = 10.2$ cm and at $h = 25.4$ cm. The data point for $h = 10.2$ cm lies very close to the straight line. The one for $h = 25.4$ cm is within a reasonable distance from the line, but lies noticeably to the right side. This separation is considered to result primarily from the fact that 25 cm is approximately the maximum depth that could be maintained near-linear in the Yuma sand test beds (paragraph 11). For $G = 1.05$ MN/m³ and the standard 3.23-cm² cone, this depth also corresponds closely to the "critical depth" D_c described in Report 4 of this series.⁷ Below the critical depth, sand resistance "increases only slightly, and the rate of increase remains constant." Because horizontal performance of a cone at a given depth is influenced by sand strength both above and to some depth below the height of the cone tip, the effective value of G for the test at $h = 25.4$ cm likely is slightly less than 1.05 MN/m³. A smaller value of G for the data point at $h = 25.4$ cm would shift its location leftward, and therefore closer to the curve in plate 15.

83. The major point is that cone base pressure F_x/A is closely related to the sand pressure term Gh^2/d_x . However, this relation holds true only for data obtained well within that depth of sand wherein cone penetration resistance increases in near-linear fashion.

84. Relation of the cone-sand pressure ratio to the Froude number. To introduce the effects of velocity of F_x , the cone-sand pressure ratio was plotted against the Froude number for each of the four test cones, as shown in plate 16. The left side of plate 16 shows that, for each

penetration test, a log-linear relations exists for values of the Froude number up to about 5. The slope n of these lines can be described by

$$n = \frac{1.037 - \log \left[\frac{\gamma_d}{G} \times \left(\frac{d_x}{d_s} \right)^{0.5} \right]}{3}, \quad \frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}} \leq 5 \quad (10)$$

where:

d_x = diameter of the cone of interest

$d_s = 2.03$ cm, the diameter of the standard 3.23-cm² cone.*

Note that n may be positive or negative. The tests represented in plate 16 had values of $\left[(\gamma_d/G) (d_x/d_s)^{0.5} \right]$ from 2.66 to 23.2, and corresponding n values from equation 10 of 0.20 to -0.11.

85. To develop a means of estimating the cone-sand pressure ratio from an equation of the form

$$\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x} = k \left(\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}} \right)^n \quad (11)$$

with $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x} \leq 5$, it was necessary next to determine a relation for k , the value of $(F_x/A_x)/(Gh^2/d_x)$ at $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x} = 1$. Cone base pressure F_x/A_x was plotted versus the sand pressure ratio Gh^2/d_x for the condition $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x} = 1$, and the well-defined linear relation

$$\frac{F_x}{A_x} = 55 + \left(0.060 \frac{Gh^2}{d_x} \right)$$

was produced, so that

$$k = \frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x} = \frac{55}{Gh^2/d_x} + 0.060, \quad \frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}} = 1 \quad (12)$$

86. The right side of plate 16 shows that, at about $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x} = 5$, the relation of $(F_x/A_x)/(Gh^2/d_x)$ to $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x}$ becomes linear on an arithmetic basis. The slope m of the lines in the right side of plate 16 can be described by

* In equations 10 and 13, the units of γ_d are kN/M³ and those of G are MN/m³. d_x/d_s and $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x}$ are dimensionless ratios.

$$m = \frac{\log \left(\frac{\gamma_d}{G} \times \frac{d_x}{d_s} \right) - 0.57}{115}, \frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}} > 5^* \quad (13)$$

87. Overall, then the relation of the cone-sand pressure ratio to the Froude number can be described by equation 11, with k defined by equation 12 and n by equation 10 for $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x} \leq 5$. For $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x} > 5$,

$$\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x} = \left(\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x} \text{ at } \frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}} = 5 \right) + m \left(\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}} - 5 \right)$$

The curves describing force F_x versus velocity V_x in plate 17 were defined on the basis of the relations just cited in this paragraph, using inputs of known A_x , G , h , and d_x for five horizontal cone penetration tests in table 5. The patterns of F_x versus V_x described by the data points of these tests are traced reasonably well by the curves thus developed.

88. Other cone studies. Results from two other studies^{13,14} involving horizontal cone penetration tests well below the sand surface provide information complementary to the WES results described in paragraphs 76-87. In both studies, the test material was an air-dry sand with a specific gravity of 2.67, an angle of internal friction ϕ by triaxial test of 30.5 deg, and grain-size distribution such that 95 percent, by weight, lies between 0.015 and 0.06 mm. Three levels of unit dry weight were used--14.3, 15.2, and 16.0 kN/m³. Twelve circular-base-area cones were tested whose base areas ranged from 20.3 to 81.1 cm², and whose apex angles ranged from 15 to 90 deg. Some of the steel cones were tested smooth, others with sandpaper glued to the outer surface. Maximum horizontal cone test velocity V_x in the two studies was 2.4 m/sec, and cone tip depths at which penetrations were made ranged from 7.6 to 61.0 cm.

89. The principal aim of the two studies was to investigate the effect on horizontal force F_x caused by variations in depth of penetration, model variation (i.e. cone size, apex angle, and surface roughness), cone speed, and the "state of packing" of the sand. The following are among the most important findings from the two studies:

- a. For a given value of sand unit dry weight and a cone of given size tested horizontally at low speed, sand penetration resistance force increases roughly as the square of depth for tests near the sand surface [because the cone "is effectively pushing a block of sand of depth (h) ahead of it and so suffering a passive pressure proportional to depth squared"¹⁴], and roughly linearly with depth for tests substantially below the surface.* This first result agrees with that developed herein from the WES cone tests, in that h^2 was determined to be the depth term appropriate in a description of F_x .
- b. At a given depth well below the sand surface, and at low penetration velocity, F_x increases linearly with cone base area. For the WES test results, plate 18b demonstrates that curves based on equations 10, 11, and 12 describe the relation of F_x to cone base area slightly better than would straight-line approximations. The data points in plate 18b were obtained from a cross-plot of the F_x versus G relation shown in plate 18a, using data at Velocity $V_x = 30.5$ cm/sec from the 20 tests in table 5 that had $h = 17.8$ cm.
- c. Slight reductions in F_x resulted from reducing the cone apex angle (in the 90- to 15-deg range) and from using polished steel, rather than sandpaper-covered, cones. However, the magnitudes of these effects on F_x are quite small compared with those of the other variables considered.
- d. Values of F_x change with cone speed in different patterns for loose and dense sand, with larger increase in F_x (both on a percentage and on a numerical basis) being obtained in the dense state (for V_x values up to 2.4 m/sec). In the loose state, a general reduction in F_x with increasing V_x occurred up to 1.2 m/sec, with F_x increasing with V_x beyond 1.2 m/sec. Roughly, this pattern was obtained in the WES tests, except that the transition point for different F_x values was taken as occurring at Froude number $(V_x/\sqrt{gd_x}) = 5$. (See plates 16 and 17 and paragraphs 84-87.)

* Depths at which the horizontal cone penetrations were conducted in tests in references 13 and 14 ranged from 7.6 to 61 cm.

- e. For the range of values used, the "state of packing." i.e. sand unit dry weight, affected F_x more than any other variable studied. In the WES tests, both cone size (area) and state of packing (G) had great influence on F_x for the low-speed condition--see plate 18, for example. For velocity values up to 5.2 m/sec, F_x was strongly influenced by cone size (expressed in terms of A_x and d_x), state of packing (G), and cone depth (h)--see paragraphs 84-87.

Plane cutting blades operating near the surface in sand

90. The primary object of the study described in reference 12* was to develop equations capable of predicting the force response of air-dry sand of three unit weights to plane cutting blades of various sizes, inclination angles, and depths of cut over a range of penetration velocities. Values of sand penetration resistance gradient G and unit dry weight γ_d of the test sand were:

	<u>Low</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>High</u>
G , MN/m ³	1.44	3.23	5.97
γ_d , kN/m ³	15.7	16.3	16.7

91. A schematic of the cutting blade is shown in fig. 13. The blade variables considered in this study were:

- b , blade width, cm
- l , blade length, cm
- z , blade operating depth,** cm
- α , blade angle, radians
- V_x , operating velocity, cm/sec

Test values of b ranged from 2.54 to 25.4 cm, of l from 11.7 to 39.2 cm, of z from 2 to 34 cm, and of $z/(l \sin \alpha)^\dagger$ from 0.25 to 2.0. Each of 10 plane blades was tested at $\alpha = 30, 45, 60, 90$ and 105 deg,

* The authors of reference 12 have also conducted a similar study using clay as the test soil (reference 15).

** z is the vertical distance from the bottom of the blade to the original sand surface.

† $z/l \sin \alpha$ is the proportion of blade height in sand at the start of a given test. For a blade whose top edge is at the height of the original sand surface, $z/l \sin \alpha = 1$.

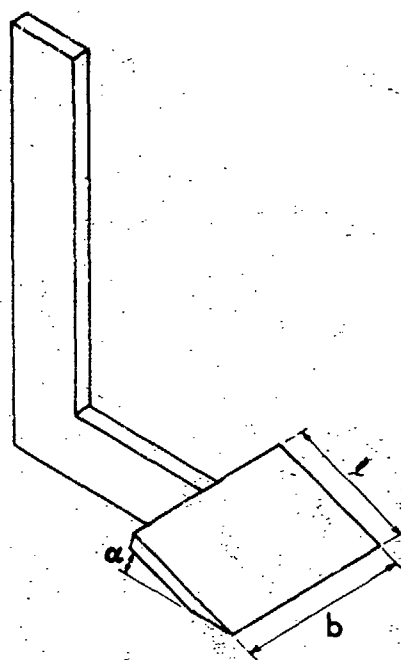


Fig. 13. Plane cutting blade
(from reference 12)

and values of V_x ranged from 25 to 255 cm/sec. The only sand variable that appeared ultimately in the prediction equations was γ_d , unit dry weight. Test response was measured by f_x , horizontal component of blade reaction force, and f_z , vertical component of blade reaction force.

92. The nondimensional relations developed to predict f_x and f_z for the range of conditions tested were

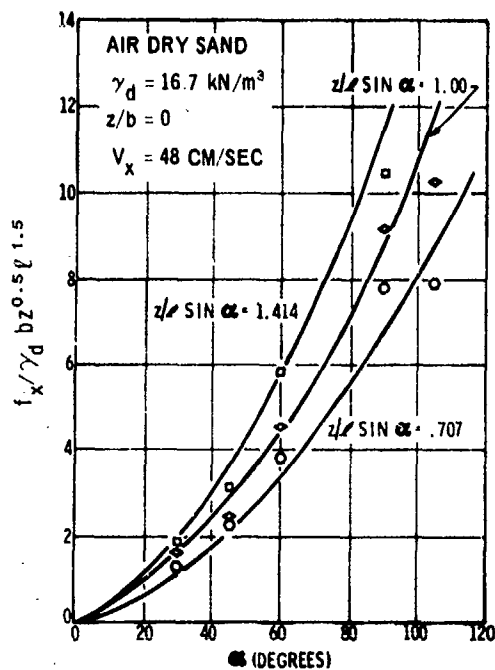
$$\frac{f_x}{\gamma_d b z^{0.5} \ell^{1.5}} = \alpha^{1.73} \left(\frac{z}{\ell \sin \alpha} \right)^{0.770} \left[1.05 \left(\frac{z}{b} \right)^{1.10} + 1.26 \left(\frac{V_x^2}{g \ell} \right) + 3.91 \right] \quad (14)$$

and

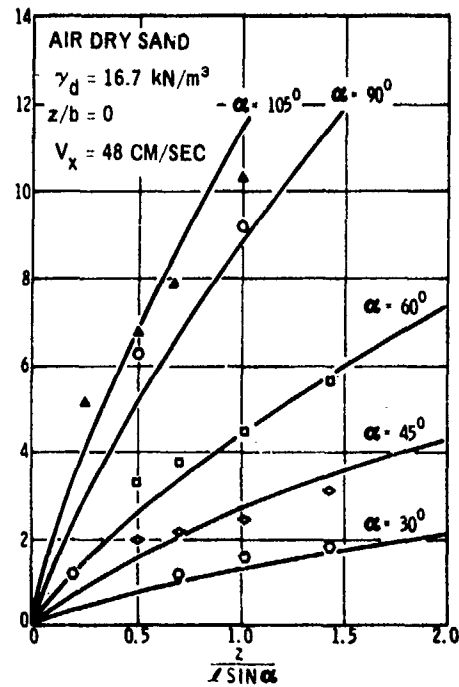
$$\frac{f_z}{\gamma_d b z^{0.5} \ell^{1.5}} = \left[1.93 - (\alpha - 0.714)^2 \right] \left(\frac{z}{\ell \sin \alpha} \right)^{0.770} \left[1.31 \left(\frac{z}{b} \right)^{0.966} + 1.43 \left(\frac{V_x^2}{g \ell} \right) + 5.60 \right] \quad (15)$$

where g is acceleration due to gravity, 9.805 m/sec². Four independent (controlled) dimensionless terms-- α , $z/(\ell \sin \alpha)$, z/b , and

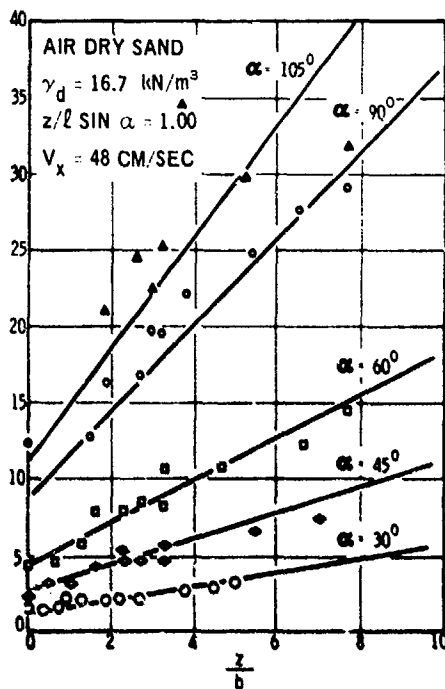
$V_x^2/g\ell$ --appear in the right side of equations 14 and 15. Fig. 14 presents some representative relations of these variables, in turn, to $f_x/\gamma_d b z^{0.5} \ell^{1.5}$ (figs. 14a-14d), and to $f_z/\gamma_d b z^{0.5} \ell^{1.5}$ (figs. 14e-14h). The relations described by equations 14 and 15 are quite complex, particularly those by equation 15, which shows both positive and negative values of $f_z/\gamma_d b z^{0.5} \ell^{1.5}$ (each of figs. 14e-14h), as well as a nonmonotonic influence on $f_z/\gamma_d b z^{0.5} \ell^{1.5}$ of variable α (fig. 14e). In each of figs. 14a-14h, the curves (which represent equations 14 and 15) trace the pattern of behavior of the test data reasonably well.



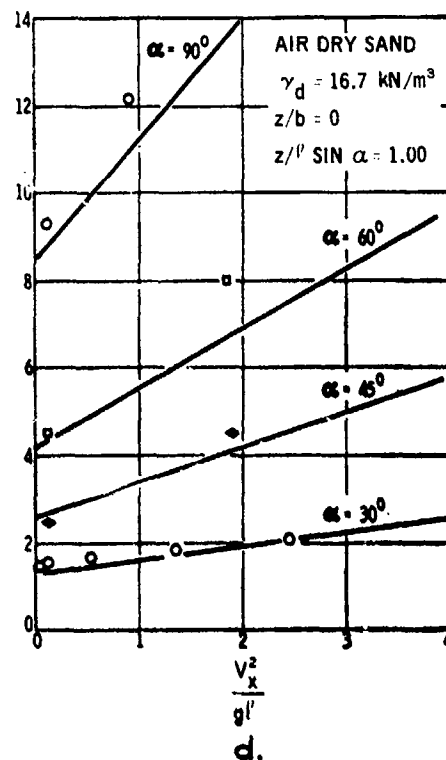
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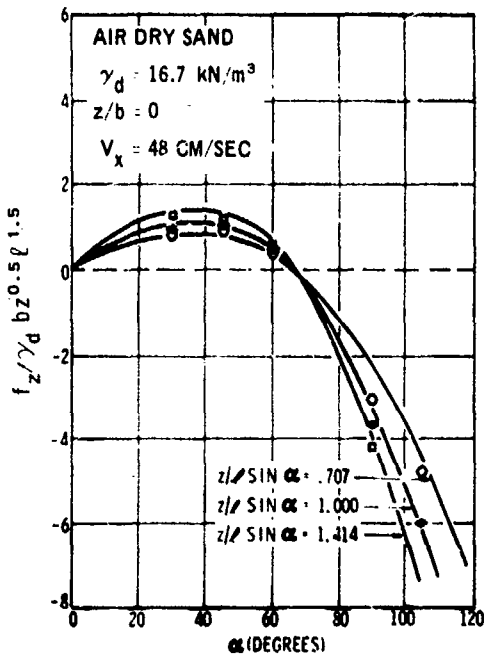


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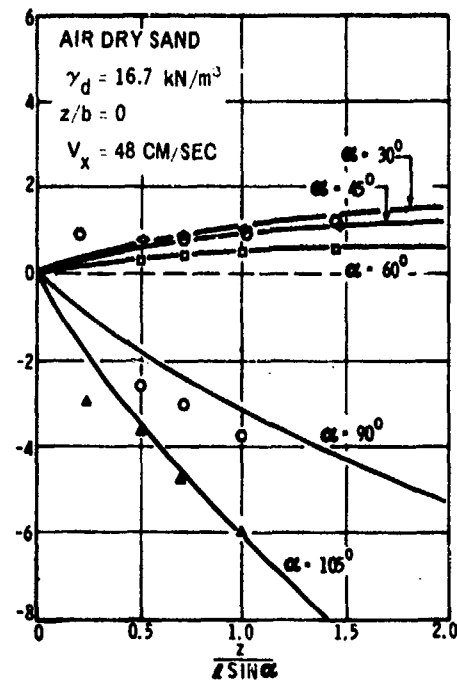


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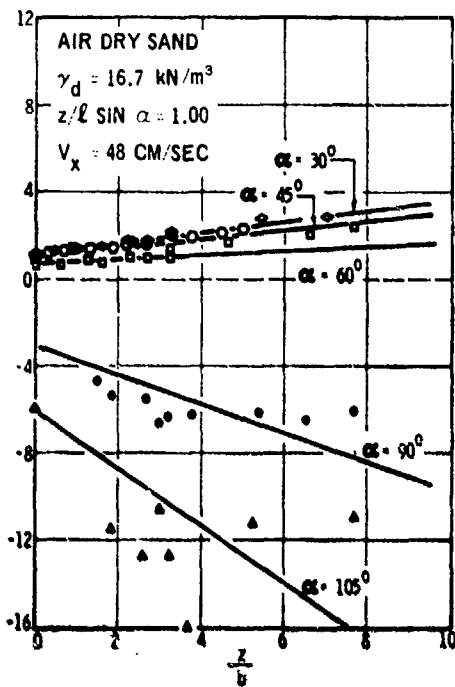
Fig. 14. Representative relations of $f_x / \gamma_d b z^{0.5} l^{1.5}$ and $f_z / \gamma_d b z^{0.5} l^{1.5}$ to γ , $z/l \sin \alpha$, z/b , and $V_x^2 / g l$ (from reference 12) (sheet 1 of 2)



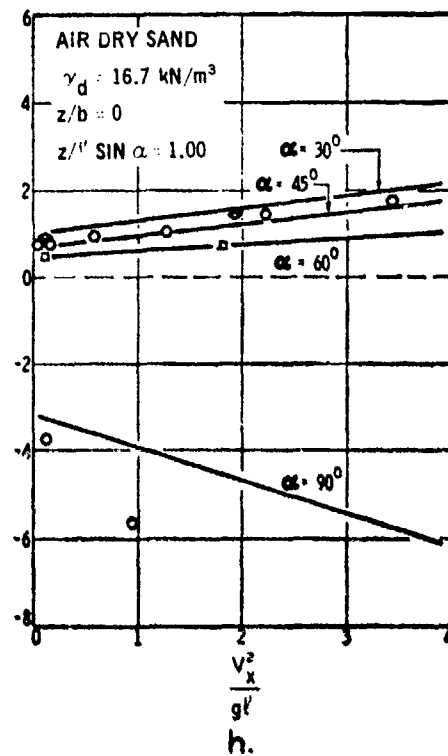
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Fig. 14. (sheet 2 of 2)

PART V: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

93. The foregoing analysis is considered adequate basis for the following conclusions:

- a. For a given cone or flat plate tested vertically in air-dry sand of given strength, the curve of sand penetration resistance force per unit probe base area F/A_x versus probe base depth departs from near linearity^z as V_z velocity increases. Values of F/A_x at shallow depths increase with increases in V_z , but F/A_x approaches a common value at substantial depth (say, 15 cm) for V_z values in the 3- to 600-cm/sec range (plates 1 and 2^z and paragraphs 25-27).
- b. Penetration resistance gradient G_x for any of a broad range of cone sizes and plate sizes^x and shapes can be estimated if values are known for the gradient obtained under "standard" conditions with the 3.23-cm² cone at 3.05 cm/sec (G) and the probe base area A_x , for $V_z = 3.05$ cm/sec (equation 2 and paragraphs 31-35). Because of the factors cited in a above, G_x should be estimated by equation 2 only for V_z near 3 cm/sec.
- c. Values of F at probe base penetration depths of 2.5 and 0 cm for^z flat plates and cones, respectively, can be estimated from relations of dimensionless terms that describe F as a function of sand strength and probe size, shape^z, and velocity normalized relative to conditions of a standard cone penetration (paragraphs 36-53 and plates 7-9 for plates, 10 and 11 for cones). Data used in the development of these relations included values of G from 1.08 to 6.91 MN/m³; A_x from 1.29 to 58.1 cm²; one cone shape and five flat plate shapes; and V_z values from 3 to well over 600 cm/sec.
- d. Values of G increase markedly with increases in sand unit dry weight and/or moisture content (plates 12-14 and paragraphs 63-66).
- e. For a given probe tested horizontally in sand, force F_x on the probe base depends on probe size, shape, and velocity; depth of the probe relative to the undisturbed sand surface; and sand strength. A description of such a system, obtained by using dimensional analysis and data from cone penetration tests in air-dry sand, allows F_x for cones to be estimated from relations of dimensionless terms that include descriptions of the variables mentioned above (plates 15-17 and paragraphs 76-87).

- f. A brief review of major findings from two studies^{13,14} of horizontal cone penetration tests shows that these findings agree with and complement results of the WES tests (from e above). Some major conclusions from these studies are: Increase in F_x changes from a squared function of depth for small depths to a linear function for large depths; F_x increases with cone base area; cone apex angle and surface roughness influence F_x only slightly; F_x changes with velocity in complex patterns influenced by probe size, probe depth, and the sand's state of packing (paragraphs 88-89).
- g. A brief summary of results from another study¹² shows that the horizontal and vertical components (f_x and f_z , respectively) of forces on plane blades operating horizontally near the sand surface can be estimated by equations that incorporate functions of the variables mentioned in e above (paragraphs 90-92).

Recommendations

94. It is recommended that:

- a. Model tests of plane blades and bulldozer blades be conducted in another type sand than that used in developing equations 14 and 15 to determine what modifications should be made to these equations to account for the effects on f_x and f_z of sand type (plane blade performance) and of bulldozer blade curvature.
- b. A study like that in a above be conducted in clay to verify the relations from reference 15 and to extrapolate them to bulldozer blade performance.
- c. Free-fall or impact-driven vertical penetration tests be conducted with cones in dry-to-moist sand to complement similar studies conducted by WES in fine-grained soils (references 1-4).
- d. Laboratory tests of wheels and tracks be conducted in moist-to-wet sands to improve present knowledge of how G at different moisture content levels is related to vehicle running gear performance.
- e. A study be made to apply the descriptions presented herein of the influence of probe shape and velocity on sand penetration resistance force to the sand-vehicle running gear situation.

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Table 1
Vertical Penetration Tests with Cones in Bins of Yuma Sand

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
Test No.	Cone Base Area A_c , cm ²	Standard Penetration Resistance R_{sp} , lb/in ²	Sand Unit Weight γ_d , lb/ft ³	Sand Dry Mass Density ρ , lb-sec ² /ft ³	Penetration Resistance C_u , lb/in ²	Penetration Velocity $(V_p)_x$, cm/sec	Velocity Gradient $(V_p/l)_x$, sec ⁻¹	Velocity Ratio $(V_p/l)_x$	Cone Base Pressure $(F_z/A)_x$, kPa	Standard Base Pressure $(F_z/A)_x$, kPa	Cone Stress Ratio $(F_z/A)_x$	Inertial Force $\rho(AV_z^2)_x/2$	Computed Viscous Force $(V_p/l)_x$	Computed Viscous Type N	Modified Pore Coefficient $c_{p,1}$	Modified Reynolds Number $N_{R,1}$	Cone Base Pressure $(F_z/A)_x$, kPa	Penetration Velocity $(V_p)_x$, cm/sec
21-144-1-1	1.79	1.75	14.74	1.503	1.18	3.05	2.68	1.58	11.2	16.1	0.917	0.0009902	1.48	--	16.000	0.000571	218	3.05
19-147-1-1	3.50	3.50	15.98	1.630	4.50	3.05	2.68	1.58	34.6	41.8	1.09	0.000978	4.10	--	45.600	0.000299	710	3.05
17-116-1-1	6.91	6.91	16.87	1.720	6.73	3.05	2.68	1.58	51.0	82.5	0.81	0.000103	8.08	--	63.900	0.000127	1760	3.05
23-191-2-1	1.40	1.40	14.79	1.508	1.40	3.05	1.70	1.00	16.7	16.7	1.00	0.000227	5.39	--	23.800	0.000421	227	3.05
23-192-2-2	1.40	1.40	14.73	1.508	1.44	36.3	20.2	11.9	36.2	16.7	2.17	0.0321	--	12.1	36.4	0.00266	252	36.3
10-78-2-1	2.48	2.48	15.53	1.584	2.48	8.05	1.70	1.00	29.6	29.6	1.00	0.000238	9.56	--	40.200	0.000240	402	3.05
10-84-2-2	2.48	2.48	15.53	1.584	2.74	24.2	13.5	7.93	55.5	29.6	1.88	0.0150	--	17.5	1.200	0.000956	422	24.2
10-83-2-3	2.48	2.48	15.53	1.584	1.68	105	58.4	34.4	126	29.6	4.26	0.282	--	36.5	1.44	0.00273	378	105
10-80-2-4	2.48	2.48	15.53	1.584	--	277	154	90.8	205	29.6	6.93	1.96	--	59.0	33.7	0.0322	365	277
10-79-2-5	2.48	2.48	15.53	1.584	--	404	225	132	245	29.6	8.28	4.17	--	71.4	19.0	0.0584	399	404
10-76-2-6	2.48	2.48	15.53	1.584	--	698	308	229	407	29.6	13.8	12.5	--	94.0	10.5	0.133	443	698
17-129-2-1	6.91	6.91	16.87	1.720	6.91	3.05	1.70	1.00	82.5	82.5	1.00	0.000258	26.6	--	173.000	0.0000970	1170	3.05
29-230-2-2	6.06	6.06	16.70	1.703	5.66	37.8	21.0	12.4	129	73.3	1.78	0.0394	--	53.3	1.060	0.000790	678	37.8
30-241-2-3	6.15	6.15	16.72	1.705	5.07	114	63.4	37.4	318	73.3	4.33	0.359	--	94.5	286	0.00380	1079	114
31-254-2-4	6.30	6.30	16.75	1.708	--	209	116	68.5	425	75.2	5.65	1.20	--	130	114	0.00921	1062	213
32-263-2-5	6.00	6.00	16.68	1.702	--	399	216	128	435	71.6	6.08	4.17	--	170	33.7	0.0245	1125	399
33-276-2-6	5.43	5.43	16.55	1.608	--	669	372	219	774	64.8	11.9	12.2	--	201	20.5	0.0697	1180	669
21-176-3-1	12.9	1.35	14.74	1.503	1.26	3.05	0.849	0.500	22.0	16.1	0.904	0.000901	31.5	--	31.500	0.000286	211	3.05
23-194-3-2	1.40	1.40	14.79	1.508	0.99	39.8	11.1	6.53	33.3	16.7	1.31	0.134	--	54.4	280	0.00283	182	39.8
27-222-3-6	1.16	1.16	14.54	1.483	--	694	193	114	149	13.8	7.12	46.1	--	187	4.17	0.247	202	618

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* C_u values are listed in column 6 only for those tests that (a) had velocity $(V_p)_x$ values in the 0- to 15-cm depth range at least 90 percent of which differed from their average value by no more than ± 10 percent, and (b) had a coefficient of correlation of at least 0.90 for the least-squares linear relation between $(F_z/A)_x$ and cone base depth in the 0- to 15-cm depth range.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{V_p}{A} \right)^{1.3} \cdot A^{1.3} \\ & \left(\frac{V_p}{A} \right)^{1.3} \cdot A^{1.3} \cdot 0.65 \left(\frac{V_p}{l} \right)^{0.50} \\ & \left(\frac{V_p}{A} \right)^{1.3} \cdot A^{1.3} \cdot 0.65 \left(\frac{V_p}{l} \right)^{0.50} \end{aligned}$$

or $\rho(AV_z^2)/2 + \left[\left(\frac{V_p}{A} \right)^{1.3} \cdot A^{1.3} \cdot 0.65 \left(\frac{V_p}{l} \right)^{0.50} \right]$, i.e., column (13) : column (14) or column (13) : column (15).

1. Variables in columns 7-10 and 12-17 describe the condition of a given test cone at base depth = 0; those in columns 18 and 19 at base depth = 15 cm. 2. In columns 7 and 19, the values listed for $(V_p)_x$ are (a) the average velocity in the 0- to 15-cm range of cone base depths for a given test that has a listed value of C_u , or (b) the values of velocity that prevailed at the 0- and the 15-cm base depths, respectively, for a test without a listed value of C_u .

Table 1. (Contd.)

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Table 2

Vertical Penetration Tests with Plates in Rings of Yuma Sand

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
Test No.	Plate base area, A_p , cm^2	Standard Penetration Test, C , blows/ft	Sand Test, C , blows/ft	Sand Test, C , blows/ft	Penetration, C , blows/ft	Penetration, C , blows/ft	Velocity, V , cm/sec	Velocity, V , cm/sec	Plate base area, A_p , cm^2	Standard Penetration Test, C , blows/ft	Plate base area, A_p , cm^2	Inertial Force, F_i , dynes	Computed Viscosity, η , dynes/cm^2	Modified Coefficient, C_D	Modified Reynolds Number, R_N	Plate Base Pressure, $(F_p/A)_x$, kPa	Penetration Velocity, $(V_p)_x$, cm/sec
21-170-0-1	1.29	1.35	16.74	1.503	1.23	3.05	2.68	1.58	18.7	16.1	2.85	0.0000002	4.65	54.600	0.0000194	192	3.05
19-144-0-1		3.50	15.98	1.630	4.65	3.05	2.68	1.58	118	61.8	3.39	0.0000078	12.1	156.000	0.00000811	699	3.05
17-128-0-1		4.91	16.87	1.720	10.03	3.05	2.68	1.58	159	82.5	2.31	0.000103	23.8	198.000	0.00000432	1660	3.05
21-173-7-1	3.23	1.35	16.74	1.503	1.27	3.05	1.70	1.00	61.8	16.1	2.60	0.000226	12.5	59.800	0.0000181	201	3.05
23-193-7-2		1.40	16.79	1.508	1.04	16.8	21.6	12.7	81.7	16.7	4.89	0.0368	24.4	717	0.00151	212	38.8
24-202-7-5		1.28	16.67	1.496	—	134	74.6	43.9	95.4	15.3	5.58	0.425	30.5	64.8	0.0139	223	111
19-151-7-1		3.50	15.98	1.630	1.40	3.05	1.70	1.00	119	61.8	2.85	0.000245	32.3	156.000	0.00000758	569	3.05
10-85-7-2		2.48	15.53	1.584	2.36	25.4	14.1	8.32	138	29.6	4.66	0.0165	39.1	2,700	0.000422	433	25.4
10-87-7-3		2.48	15.53	1.584	1.48	306	59.0	37.4	207	29.6	6.98	0.287	56.7	233	0.00506	442	106
10-81-7-4		2.48	15.53	1.584	—	272	151	80.2	251	29.6	8.48	1.80	70.3	47.8	0.0269	453	216
10-78-7-5		2.48	15.53	1.584	—	423	235	130	336	29.6	11.4	4.50	78.9	23.7	0.0582	410	347
10-77-7-6		2.48	15.53	1.584	—	652	363	214	536	29.6	18.1	10.9	87.9	15.9	0.124	445	583
17-129-7-1		6.91	16.87	1.720	7.14	3.05	1.70	1.00	177	82.5	2.15	0.000258	6.39	22,100	0.0000404	1070	3.05
20-242-7-3		6.15	16.72	1.705	6.05	111	61.8	36.4	364	73.4	4.96	0.339	140	367	0.00242	1120	111
31-255-7-4		6.30	16.75	1.706	—	299	166	98.0	506	75.2	7.92	2.46	184	78.1	0.0134	1090	231
32-264-7-5		5.63	16.68	1.702	—	446	248	146	605	71.6	8.45	5.46	193	35.8	0.0283	1390	364
33-275-7-6		5.63	16.55	1.688	—	715	398	234	886	64.8	13.6	13.9	196	20.6	0.0706	1050	630
21-177-0-1	12.9	1.35	16.74	1.503	1.27	3.05	0.840	0.501	47.5	16.1	2.23	0.000002	55.3	68.000	0.0000163	238	3.05
23-195-0-2		1.40	16.79	1.508	1.06	40.0	11.1	6.57	104	16.7	4.73	0.156	109	860	0.00143	237	40.0
24-208-0-3		1.28	16.67	1.496	1.12	116	12.3	19.0	188.2	15.3	4.36	1.30	130	87.5	0.0100	228	116
25-212-0-4		1.48	16.86	1.516	—	207	57.6	34.0	147	17.7	6.30	4.19	174	45.2	0.0241	254	221
27-221-0-6		1.16	16.54	1.483	—	691	192	113	264	13.8	14.5	45.7	139	7.46	0.328	231	537

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* C_N values are listed in column 6 only for those tests that (a) had velocity $(V_p)_x$ values in the 0- to 15-cm depth range at least 90 percent of which differed from the air average value by no more than 10 percent, and (b) had a coefficient of correlation of at least 0.90 for the least-squares linear relation between $(V_p)_x$ and plate base depth in the 2.5- to 15-cm depth range.

on $(V_p)_x^{1.2} = (C_N^{0.6})_{cx}$ for circular-base-area plates, $(C_N^{0.6})_{cx} = 1$ and the plate-base stress ratio is $(F_p/A)_x$.

* $(V_p)_x^{1.2} = (C_N^{0.6})_{cx} - 2.4 (V_p)_x^{0.25}$

** $(V_p)_x^{1.2} = (C_N^{0.6})_{cx} - 2.4 (V_p)_x^{0.25}$

on $[0.6(V_p)_x^{1.2}] = [(V_p)_x^{1.2}]_a - (C_N^{0.6})_{cx} - 2.4 (V_p)_x^{0.25}$, i.e., column (13) column (14)

NOTES:

1. Variables in columns 7-10 and 12-16 describe the condition of a given test plate at base depth = 2.5 cm; those in columns 17 and 18 at base depth = 15 cm.
2. In columns 7 and 18, the values listed for $(V_p)_x$ are (a) the average velocity in the 0- to 15-cm range of plate base depths for a given test that has a listed value of C_N , or (b) the values of velocity that prevailed at the 2.5-cm and the 15-cm plate base depths, respectively, for a test without a listed value of C_N .

Table 2 (continued)

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
Plate Area A_p , cm ²	Standard Penetration Resistance C_u , kg/cm ²	Sam. Unit Weight γ , kg/m ³	Sam. Density ρ , g/cm ³	Penetration Resistance C_u , kg/cm ²	Penetration Velocity V_p , cm/sec	Velocity Gradient (V_p/L) , sec ⁻¹	Velocity Gradient (V_p/L) , sec ⁻¹	Plate Base Pressure $(F/A)_p$, kg/cm ²	Plate Base Pressure $(F/A)_p$, kg/cm ²	Inertial Force $\rho(AV_p^2)/2$, N	Computed Viscous- Type Force ^a , N	Modified Drag Coefficient C_D	Modified Reynolds Number N_R	Plate Base Pressure $(F/A)_p$, kg/cm ²	Penetration Velocity V_p , cm/sec		
Flat Circular Plates (Continued)																	
10-155-0-1	22.4	3.50	15.48	1.630	2.58	3.05	0.640	0.101	132	41.8	2.39	0.000478	143	174,000	0.0000683	454	3.05
6-22-0-2	2.55	2.55	15.57	1.588	1.47	26.4	7.35	4.33	173	30.4	4.31	0.0712	180	3,130	0.000397	356	26.4
5-10-0-3	2.91	2.91	15.74	1.605	1.04	104	20.0	17.1	266	30.4	6.13	1.11	254	286	0.00438	376	104
5-10-0-4	2.91	2.91	15.74	1.605	1.04	213	59.3	35.0	258	36.7	5.64	4.70	346	450	0.0136	450	194
5-11-0-5	2.91	2.91	15.74	1.605	1.04	409	114	67.1	456	34.7	7.48	17.3	405	25.6	0.0427	516	325
6-10-0-6	2.35	2.35	15.46	1.577	—	667	186	109	456	28.1	12.3	45.3	371	13.0	0.122	457	573
17-133-0-1	4.41	4.41	16.87	1.720	4.14	3.05	0.640	0.501	185	82.5	1.70	0.00103	283	23,100	0.0000364	705	3.05
29-233-0-2	6.06	6.06	16.20	1.703	3.03	37.6	10.5	6.17	307	72.3	3.22	0.155	467	2,530	0.000332	696	37.6
33-240-0-3	6.15	6.15	16.72	1.705	—	136	37.3	22.0	490	73.4	5.06	1.97	570	321	0.00346	850	113
33-240-0-4	5.63	5.63	16.55	1.688	—	714	189	117	1031	64.8	12.0	55.5	871	24.0	0.0637	840	582
1-1-100-0-1	25.8	1.35	16.74	1.593	1.27	3.05	0.601	0.354	47.9	16.1	1.97	0.00180	116	68,500	0.0000155	207	3.05
19-136-0-1	3.50	3.50	15.98	1.630	2.08	3.05	0.601	0.354	104	41.8	1.64	0.00106	302	137,000	0.0000648	364	3.05
1-2-0-2	2.44	2.44	15.61	1.592	1.17	133.1	6.52	3.84	178	31.5	3.73	0.225	413	2,040	0.000545	369	33.1
2-0-0-3	2.92	2.92	15.75	1.606	1.03	105	20.7	12.2	242	34.9	4.57	2.28	611	273	0.00373	371	105
3-15-0-5	2.42	2.42	15.50	1.581	—	407	47.2	28.9	777	28.9	7.45	31.8	710	25.0	0.0476	418	268
3-14-0-6	2.42	2.42	15.50	1.581	—	535	105	62.1	467	28.9	10.7	58.3	761	20.7	0.0766	393	524
17-130-0-1	4.91	4.91	16.87	1.770	3.63	3.05	0.600	0.354	189	82.5	1.51	0.00206	59.5	236,000	0.0000146	643	3.05
16-102-0-2	6.48	6.48	16.28	1.712	2.11	36.4	7.17	4.22	410	77.6	3.50	0.292	1040	3,630	0.000281	674	36.4
15-135-0-3	6.08	6.08	16.20	1.703	—	133	36.2	15.4	531	72.6	4.83	3.89	1260	352	0.00309	803	105
16-116-0-5	5.75	5.75	16.53	1.696	—	415	81.7	48.2	642	68.6	6.33	37.7	1700	44.0	0.0222	882	268
16-173-0-6	5.75	5.75	16.61	1.696	—	302	138	81.5	1036	68.6	9.96	108	1940	28.8	0.0557	690	584
22-106-10-1	56.1	1.27	16.66	1.695	1.47	3.05	0.600	0.236	48.6	15.2	1.79	0.00406	264	69,900	0.0000153	232	3.05
11-07-10-2	1.27	1.27	16.66	1.695	1.41	31.0	4.07	2.40	71.3	15.2	2.63	0.417	470	993	0.000888	248	31.0
12-01-10-3	1.17	1.17	16.55	1.684	1.24	112	14.7	8.70	79.5	14.0	3.19	5.41	598	85.3	0.00905	240	112
13-06-10-4	1.08	1.08	16.45	1.674	—	261	34.2	20.2	134	12.9	5.83	29.2	681	26.7	0.0429	234	199
28-236-10-5	1.38	1.38	16.77	1.596	—	596	78.2	46.1	240	16.5	8.13	155	1070	16.5	0.145	282	539
20-145-10-1	1.27	1.27	15.99	1.621	2.18	3.05	0.600	0.236	121	19.0	1.74	0.00438	675	93,200	0.0000105	394	3.05
6-33-10-2	2.25	2.25	15.64	1.577	1.74	26.5	3.45	2.03	172	29.1	3.43	0.317	832	3,160	0.000381	390	26.5
7-30-10-3	2.26	2.26	15.41	1.572	1.81	104	13.6	8.05	220	27.0	4.57	4.94	1130	259	0.00436	446	104
8-04-10-4	2.45	2.45	15.71	1.603	—	262	34.4	20.3	326	34.0	5.38	32.0	190	59.3	0.0178	436	104
9-34-10-5	2.76	2.76	15.67	1.598	—	600	52.5	31.0	366	32.9	6.23	76.4	190	28.6	0.0386	424	314
9-16-10-6	2.76	2.76	15.67	1.598	—	561	73.6	43.4	553	32.9	9.42	146	213	22.0	0.0695	465	523
18-142-10-1	6.30	6.30	16.75	1.708	2.63	3.05	0.600	0.236	185	75.2	1.76	0.00461	1300	296,000	0.0000354	714	3.05
19-230-10-2	6.06	6.06	16.20	1.703	2.00	18.9	5.10	3.01	427	72.3	3.31	0.769	2360	3,310	0.000317	727	38.9
20-222-10-3	6.15	6.15	16.72	1.705	2.16	115	15.1	8.90	572	73.6	4.37	6.57	3160	506	0.00208	842	115
21-241-10-4	6.30	6.30	16.75	1.708	—	294	44.0	20.0	621	75.2	4.63	33.2	3940	108	0.00843	908	198
22-272-10-5	6.00	6.00	16.68	1.702	—	382	50.1	29.6	824	71.6	6.45	72.0	4140	66.5	0.0174	870	265
33-240-10-6	5.63	5.63	16.55	1.688	—	714	60.0	40.5	1039	64.8	8.97	201	4270	29.8	0.0471	893	531
Flat Rectangular (1:1) Plates																	
21-171-11-1	1.61	1.35	16.74	1.593	1.14	3.05	2.40	1.42	31.6	16.1	2.36	0.000113	5.65	45,200	0.0000200	174	3.05

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Test No.	Plate Area A_p cm^2	Standard Penetration Resistance $C_{u(1)}$ kg/cm^2	Sand Dry Weight W_d kg/m^3	Sand Dry Mass Density ρ_d kg/m^3	Penetration Resistance Gradient $C_{u(2)}$ kg/m^2	Penetration Velocity V_p cm/sec	Velocity Gradient (V_p/L) sec^{-1}	Ratio $(V_p/L)/C_{u(2)}$	Plate Base Pressure $(F/A)_p$ kPa	Standard Base Pressure $(F/A)_s$ kPa	Plate Cone Stress $(F/A)_c$ kPa	Inertial Force $(AV_p^2)/2$ N	Computed Viscous- Type Force F_v N	Modified Drag Coefficient C_d	Modified Reynolds Number N_R	Plate Base Pressure (See note 1) $(F/A)_p$ kPa	Penetration Velocity (See note 1) $(V_p) \times$ cm/sec
Flat Rectangular (1:1) Plates (Continued)																	
19-140-11-1	1.61	3.50	15.98	1.630	4.56	3.05	7.40	1.42	70.5	41.8	2.29	0.000122	14.6	105,000	0.0000835	647	3.05
17-127-11-1	6.45	6.91	16.07	1.720	9.36	3.05	7.40	1.42	173	82.5	2.52	0.000129	28.9	216,000	0.0000447	1340	3.05
21-174-12-1	1.35	1.35	16.74	1.503	1.32	3.05	1.20	0.708	54.0	16.1	1.12	0.000451	25.1	78,500	0.000180	220	3.05
19-152-12-1	3.50	3.50	15.98	1.630	2.95	3.05	1.20	0.708	115	41.8	2.51	0.000480	65.2	152,000	0.0000750	484	3.05
4-25-12-2	2.55	2.55	15.57	1.588	2.06	25.8	10.2	5.00	141	30.4	4.24	0.00341	80.6	2,670	0.000423	399	25.8
4-32-12-3	2.55	2.55	15.57	1.588	1.92	105	41.3	24.4	232	30.4	6.94	0.0064	114	264	0.00494	459	105
5-38-12-4	2.91	2.91	15.74	1.605	1.71	173	68.1	40.2	261	34.7	6.86	1.55	149	109	0.0104	475	173
5-43-12-5	2.91	2.91	15.74	1.605	1.71	472	170	100	313	34.7	8.24	9.68	186	20.9	0.0521	365	482
6-48-12-6	2.35	2.35	15.66	1.577	--	676	266	157	506	28.1	16.5	23.2	168	14.1	0.138	487	534
17-130-12-1	6.91	6.91	16.87	1.720	5.54	3.05	1.20	0.708	184	82.5	2.04	0.000516	178	2,81,000	0.0000402	877	3.05
20-232-12-2	6.06	6.06	16.70	1.703	4.37	38.7	15.2	8.08	238	72.3	3.00	0.00276	217	1,860	0.000389	784	38.7
20-245-12-3	6.15	6.15	16.72	1.705	--	146	65.4	18.5	532	73.4	6.62	1.52	310	226	0.00480	899	133
32-267-12-5	6.00	6.00	16.68	1.702	--	437	172	101	584	71.6	7.45	10.5	393	35.8	0.0273	1010	365
33-278-12-6	5.43	5.43	16.55	1.688	--	725	285	168	962	64.8	13.5	28.6	395	21.7	0.0724	1020	534
21-181-13-1	25.8	1.35	14.74	1.503	1.27	3.05	0.601	0.354	46.9	16.1	2.07	0.00180	110	67,100	0.0000163	206	3.05
23-200-13-2	1.40	1.40	14.79	1.508	1.11	39.6	7.80	4.60	77.4	16.7	3.20	0.394	219	6,560	0.00139	216	39.6
19-159-13-1	3.50	3.50	15.98	1.630	2.17	3.05	0.601	0.354	130	41.8	2.15	0.00196	290	172,000	0.0000677	401	3.05
1-3-13-2	2.64	2.64	15.61	1.592	1.81	12.5	6.40	3.77	180	31.5	4.16	0.217	392	7,230	0.000553	418	32.5
2-8-13-3	2.92	2.92	15.75	1.606	--	109	21.5	12.7	268	34.9	5.32	2.46	589	281	0.00418	406	99.3
3-16-13-5	2.42	2.42	15.50	1.581	--	424	83.5	49.2	308	28.9	7.41	36.6	683	21.7	0.0536	418	323
3-20-13-6	2.42	2.42	15.50	1.581	--	546	108	63.4	471	28.9	11.3	60.9	730	20.0	0.0834	392	533
17-137-13-1	6.91	6.91	16.87	1.720	3.49	3.05	0.601	0.354	186	82.5	1.55	0.00206	569	233,000	0.0000362	622	3.05
16-103-13-2	6.48	6.48	16.78	1.712	1.85	15.8	7.05	4.16	404	77.4	3.61	0.284	990	3,670	0.00287	635	35.8
15-109-13-3	6.08	6.08	16.70	1.703	--	135	28.5	15.7	606	72.6	5.78	4.00	1290	390	0.00310	783	108
15-113-13-4	6.06	6.06	16.70	1.703	--	184	36.2	21.4	530	72.6	5.06	7.43	1400	184	0.00532	825	197
16-117-13-5	5.75	5.75	16.63	1.696	--	412	81.8	47.8	726	68.6	7.34	37.7	1620	50.4	0.0230	834	263
16-122-13-6	5.75	5.75	16.63	1.696	--	681	134	79.0	1022	68.6	10.3	101	1820	26.0	0.0554	676	522
22-187-14-1	58.1	1.27	14.66	1.495	1.43	3.05	0.400	0.236	49.5	15.2	1.92	0.00404	251	71,200	0.0000161	228	3.05
12-92-14-3	1.17	1.17	14.55	1.484	1.46	108	14.2	8.36	76.1	14.0	3.21	5.03	564	88.2	0.00892	259	108
13-97-14-4	1.08	1.08	14.45	1.474	1.20	264	34.6	20.4	108	12.9	4.92	29.9	651	21.0	0.0459	258	264
20-227-14-6	1.38	1.38	14.77	1.506	--	732	82.9	48.9	232	16.5	8.30	175	1040	7.71	0.169	291	539
20-165-14-1	2.27	2.27	15.89	1.621	2.19	3.05	0.400	0.236	136	30.0	2.06	0.00438	645	180,000	0.0000679	410	3.05
6-54-14-2	2.35	2.35	15.46	1.577	1.69	27.6	3.62	2.14	178	28.1	1.73	0.349	808	2,960	0.000432	389	27.6
7-59-14-3	2.26	2.26	15.41	1.572	1.76	203	13.5	7.97	204	27.0	4.45	4.85	1080	245	0.00451	424	103
8-65-14-4	2.85	2.85	15.71	1.603	--	138	31.2	18.4	327	34.0	5.67	26.4	1670	72.0	0.0158	573	190
9-70-14-5	2.76	2.76	15.67	1.702	--	397	52.1	30.7	338	32.9	6.07	77.0	1840	25.2	0.0424	608	264
9-73-14-6	2.76	2.76	15.67	1.702	--	642	84.2	49.7	579	32.9	10.4	204	2070	16.5	0.0866	554	529
18-143-14-1	6.30	6.30	16.75	1.708	2.77	3.05	0.400	0.236	250	75.2	1.95	0.00461	1240	315,000	0.0000371	594	3.05
20-238-14-2	6.06	6.06	16.70	1.703	2.28	37.9	4.87	2.93	365	72.3	2.97	0.704	2240	2,990	0.000316	650	37.9

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Test No.	Plate Area, A_p , cm^2	Standard Penetration Resistance, $C_{N(60)}$, kg/m^2	Sand Unit Weight, γ_s , kg/m^3	Sand Density, ρ_s , kg/m^3	Penetration Resistance, $C_{N(60)}$, kg/m^2	Penetration Velocity, V_p , cm/sec	Velocity Gradient, (V_p/z) , sec^{-1}	Velocity Ratio, $(V_p/z)/V_{p0}$, sec^{-1}	Plate Base Pressure, $(F/A)_p$, kPa	Standard Time, t_p , sec	Plate-Ratio, $(F/A)_p/t_p$, kPa/sec	Inertial Force, $\sigma(NV^2/z^2)$, N	Committed Viscous-Force, τ , N	Modified Drag Coefficient, $C_{D,2}$	Modified Reynolds Number, $N_{R,2}$	Plate Base Pressure, $(F/A)_p$, kPa	Penetration Velocity, V_p , cm/sec
18-144-17-1	58.1	6.30	16.75	1.708	3.08	3.05	0.600	0.236	105	75.2	1.56	0.00461	1210	246.000	0.0000380	580	3.05
29-237-17-2		6.06	16.70	1.703	2.37	30.5	5.10	2.93	382	72.1	3.18	0.00332	2200	3.050	0.000333	678	30.5
30-250-17-3		6.15	16.72	1.705	2.00	118	15.5	9.11	465	73.4	3.82	6.01	2850	301	0.000234	815	118
31-279-17-4		6.30	16.75	1.708	--	266	22.3	19.0	604	75.2	3.95	30.0	3630	95.6	0.000827	800	200
32-372-17-5		6.00	16.68	1.702	--	303	51.6	30.4	655	71.6	5.51	76.1	1840	50.0	0.0116	833	264
33-283-17-6		5.43	16.55	1.688	--	416	60.8	47.7	981	64.8	6.10	186	4110	31.7	0.0453	807	536
Flat Rectangular (1:2) Plates (Continued)																	
21-173-18-1	6.45	1.35	14.74	1.503	1.34	3.35	1.20	0.708	41.6	16.1	2.58	0.000451	72.9	50.500	0.000197	20.9	3.05
23-194-18-2		1.40	14.79	1.508	1.21	30.8	15.7	9.26	96.1	16.7	5.72	0.00774	45.3	801	0.00171	247	30.8
27-219-18-6		1.16	14.54	1.483	--	665	282	154	274	13.8	19.6	71.2	75.7	8.15	0.280	260	530
19-153-18-1		3.50	15.48	1.670	2.08	3.05	1.20	0.708	98.5	41.8	2.35	0.000680	59.4	1.9.000	0.0000823	484	3.05
4-24-18-2		2.55	15.57	1.588	2.26	24.9	9.80	5.78	123	30.4	4.04	0.0017	72.0	2.500	0.000335	406	24.9
4-32-18-3		2.55	15.57	1.588	1.45	104	60.9	26.1	224	30.4	7.36	0.554	105	261	0.00530	405	104
5-35-18-4		2.91	15.74	1.605	1.93	253	60.6	59.7	197	34.7	5.67	3.32	169	38.1	0.0223	442	253
5-44-18-5		2.91	15.74	1.605	--	434	121	101	342	34.7	9.25	0.74	170	22.6	0.0572	458	295
6-47-18-6		2.35	15.46	1.577	--	692	272	161	483	29.1	17.0	24.4	155	12.8	0.117	425	529
17-143-18-1		6.91	16.87	1.720	5.75	3.05	1.20	0.708	130	82.5	1.68	0.000516	117	174.000	0.0000440	858	3.05
30-244-18-3		6.15	16.72	1.705	4.63	111	43.7	25.9	303	71.4	5.95	0.677	256	374	0.00264	971	111
32-266-18-5		6.00	16.68	1.702	--	444	175	103	511	71.6	7.13	10.8	352	30.4	0.0307	1090	261
33-277-18-6		5.43	16.55	1.688	--	690	272	160	604	64.8	14.0	25.0	357	22.5	0.0726	940	534
22-163-19-1	25.8	1.27	14.66	1.455	1.05	3.05	0.601	0.354	43.8	15.0	2.19	0.00170	95.5	63.100	0.000167	175	3.05
23-198-19-2		1.40	14.79	1.508	1.03	40.0	7.88	4.64	80.0	16.7	3.90	0.012	200	100	0.00156	213	40.0
24-207-19-3		1.28	14.67	1.496	0.84	109	21.5	17.7	92.1	15.2	4.81	2.20	236	109	0.00971	202	109
25-211-19-4		1.48	14.86	1.516	--	220	43.3	25.5	95.0	17.7	4.06	9.47	325	25.9	0.0291	169	220
26-216-19-5		1.25	14.64	1.493	--	460	90.6	53.6	152	16.9	7.72	40.8	322	8.62	0.123	175	318
27-224-19-6		1.16	14.54	1.483	--	650	126	75.4	276	13.8	15.1	80.8	333	8.82	0.243	216	547
20-161-19-1		3.27	15.89	1.621	1.96	3.05	0.601	0.354	60.8	30.0	1.77	0.00195	247	120.000	0.0000790	336	3.05
1-5-19-2		2.64	15.61	1.592	1.62	31.5	6.21	3.66	156	31.5	3.75	0.204	357	1.970	0.000572	359	31.5
2-11-19-3		2.92	15.75	1.606	--	64.5	18.6	11.0	242	34.0	5.24	1.85	521	338	0.00355	403	181
2-14-19-4		2.92	15.75	1.606	--	303	50.7	35.2	325	34.0	7.05	19.0	696	44.1	0.0273	388	223
3-17-19-5		2.42	15.50	1.581	--	412	81.1	47.8	358	28.0	9.39	34.6	622	26.7	0.0556	363	265
3-22-19-6		2.42	15.50	1.581	--	529	104	61.4	488	28.0	12.7	57.0	663	22.1	0.0860	359	539
18-139-9-1		6.30	16.75	1.708	3.63	3.05	0.601	0.354	156	75.2	1.56	0.00203	476	195.000	0.0000431	610	3.05
14-105-19-2		6.48	16.78	1.712	2.37	36.1	7.11	4.19	318	77.4	3.11	0.289	406	2.84	0.00319	614	36.1
14-107-19-3		6.48	16.78	1.712	--	136	26.8	15.8	467	77.4	4.57	4.08	1260	206	0.00324	672	112
16-117-19-5		5.75	16.63	1.696	--	417	81.1	47.8	488	60.6	7.03	37.2	1480	44.3	0.0252	796	264
16-120-19-6		5.75	16.62	1.696	--	672	132	78.0	1112	68.6	12.3	98.8	1670	29.0	0.0593	750	579
22-189-20-1	58.1	1.27	14.66	1.495	1.21	3.05	0.600	0.236	42.7	15.2	1.81	0.00404	230	61.600	0.0000176	194	3.05
11-98-20-2		1.27	14.66	1.495	0.98	34.1	4.47	2.64	77.6	15.2	3.20	0.505	421	79.4	0.00120	200	34.1
12-93-20-3		1.17	14.55	1.484	0.86	170	15.7	9.20	85.0	14.0	3.00	6.22	532		0.0117	193	120

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Table 3

Vertical Penetration Tests with 3.23-cm² Cone in Molds of Yuma Sand
Penetration Velocity, 0.017 to 35.1 cm/sec

Test No.	Moisture Content %	Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m ³	Penetration Velocity V_z cm/sec	Penetration Resistance Gradient G_x^* kN/m ³
1	0.5	15.42	2.50	1.99
2		15.14	2.50	1.92
3		15.58	2.50	2.57
4		15.01	2.50	1.77
5	0.4	15.37	8.97	2.25
6		15.37	17.4	2.23
7		15.37	3.26	2.12
8	0.5	15.36	34.5	2.60
9	0.4	15.39	3.34	2.31
10	0.5	15.50	33.5	2.77
11		15.45	3.13	2.42
12		15.39	0.381	2.33
13		15.45	0.381	2.51
14		14.92	3.34	1.43
15		15.34	8.64	2.12
16		15.36	32.9	2.38
17		15.40	17.1	2.45
18		15.40	0.381	2.27
19		15.50	34.1	2.68
20		15.43	12.7	2.57
21		15.50	3.47	2.21
22		15.45	0.423	2.16
23		15.48	33.0	2.79
24	0.4	15.51	12.2	2.64
25		15.47	12.5	2.66
26		15.45	3.73	2.53
27		14.98	3.64	1.47
28		14.84	3.56	1.59

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* Values of G_x listed in this table can be considered equivalent to standard G values because G_x was found to be influenced negligibly by the full range of V_z values in this table (which values bound standard velocity $V_s = 3.05$ cm/sec).

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Table 3 (Continued)

Test No.	Moisture Content %	Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m ³	Penetration Velocity V_z cm/sec	Penetration Resistance Gradient G_x MN/m ³
29	0.4	15.94	3.60	3.38
30	↓	16.11	3.56	3.38
31		15.78	3.60	2.90
32		15.61	3.56	2.57
33		14.85	3.51	1.68
34		14.81	3.47	1.53
35	1.5	15.32	32.3	5.00
36	1.6	15.33	13.9	5.49
37	1.2	15.28	0.423	5.86
38	1.1	15.41	3.01	5.27
39	1.5	15.36	33.4	5.10
40	1.5	15.47	0.423	5.88
41	1.3	15.38	3.64	5.50
42	1.3	15.36	12.8	4.65
43	2.2	15.44	3.30	7.97
44	2.2	15.35	6.39	7.44
45	2.2	15.32	0.0423	6.93
46	2.1	15.39	0.0295	7.65
47	2.0	15.41	6.35	7.68
48	2.2	15.35	0.127	7.63
49	2.1	15.39	3.05	7.47
50	2.1	15.33	0.381	7.65
51	2.0	15.41	34.6	8.19
52	2.1	15.33	3.30	7.66
53	2.1	15.35	12.8	7.43
54	2.2	15.33	33.5	7.64
55	2.1	15.39	13.5	7.57
56	2.2	15.39	0.423	8.43
57	2.0	15.58	3.51	7.81
58	2.0	15.52	3.05	7.22
59	2.8	15.50	3.05	9.33
60	4.3	15.50	3.05	9.62
61	5.2	15.46	3.05	11.23
62	5.3	15.47	3.05	10.76
63	5.7	15.50	3.05	11.93
64	5.9	15.54	3.05	10.54
65	6.1	15.40	3.05	10.52

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Test No.	Moisture Content %	Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m ³	Penetration Velocity V_z cm/sec	Penetration Resistance Gradient G_x MN/m ³
66	6.8	15.39	0.423	10.42
67	7.8	15.22	33.5	9.50
68	7.5	15.13	0.423	8.14
69	7.7	15.11	35.1	8.53
70	6.9	15.49	3.98	11.09
71	7.0	15.14	13.0	8.93
72	7.1	15.50	3.26	11.03
73	7.1	15.47	2.96	11.21
74	7.1	15.46	33.4	10.66
75	7.1	15.43	13.5	10.58
76	6.9	15.44	0.381	11.51
77	7.0	15.55	13.0	11.26
78	7.2	15.57	0.466	11.56
79	6.9	15.74	3.51	13.94
80	7.4	15.88	3.81	15.72
81	7.5	15.91	3.68	16.45
82	7.7	15.90	0.423	15.52
83	6.8	15.94	34.9	16.19
84	7.3	15.93	0.0254	14.61
85	7.3	16.04	0.127	15.54
86	7.3	15.87	0.0330	15.41
87	7.3	15.99	0.127	15.24
88	7.2	16.04	0.0169	16.84
89	7.3	15.90	0.127	16.53
90	11.3	15.57	3.05	10.59
91	11.5	15.65	3.05	10.81

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Table 4
Vertical Penetration Tests with 3.23-cm² Cone in Molds of Yuma Sand
Penetration Velocity, 3.05 cm/sec

<u>Test No.</u>	<u>Moisture Content %</u>	<u>Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m³</u>	<u>Penetration Velocity v_z cm/sec</u>	<u>Penetration Resistance Gradient C MN/m³</u>
1	2.1	15.32	3.05 ↓	7.50
2	2.0	15.93		10.90
3	2.0	15.03		5.60
4	1.6	15.03		4.32
5	1.6	15.99		8.24
6	6.2	14.94		7.31
7	6.1	15.99		14.58
8	0.5	16.35		4.22
9	3.5	15.93		14.37
10	4.8	16.05		15.08
11	12.3	16.23		16.36
12	0.5	16.23		4.10
13	11.9	16.16		16.44
14	3.2	15.08		7.14
15	4.8	15.00		7.98
16	11.8	14.75		6.38

Table 5
Horizontal Penetration Tests with 30-Deg-Apex-Angle,
Circular Cones in Air-Dry Yuma Sand

Test No.	Cone Base Area A_x cm^2	Penetration Resistance Gradient G MN/m^3	Sand Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m^3	Depth of Cone Tip h cm	Horizontal Velocity V_x m/sec	Horizontal Force F_x N	Froude Number $\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{g d_x}}$	Cone-Sand Pressure Ratio $\frac{F_x}{A_x}$ Gh^2/d_x
1	3.23	1.32	14.71	17.8	0.305	57.5	0.683	0.0864
					0.610	57.8	1.37	0.0869
					0.914	57.5	2.05	0.0864
					1.22	59.4	2.73	0.0893
					1.52	59.4	3.42	0.0893
					1.83	59.4	4.10	0.0893
					2.13	59.8	4.79	0.0899
					2.44	61.0	5.47	0.0917
					2.74	62.0	6.15	0.0932
					3.05	64.6	6.84	0.0971
					3.35	68.2	7.52	0.102
2	3.23	1.23	14.67	17.8	3.66	70.7	8.20	0.106
					0.305	54.6	0.683	0.0846
					0.610	55.6	1.37	0.0862
					0.914	55.9	2.05	0.0866
					1.22	57.2	2.73	0.0887
					1.52	56.2	3.42	0.0871
					1.83	56.8	4.10	0.0880
					2.13	57.2	4.79	0.0887
					2.44	56.8	5.47	0.0880
					2.74	56.8	6.15	0.0880
					3.05	58.5	6.84	0.0907
3	3.23	2.47	15.53	17.8	3.35	60.4	7.52	0.0936
					3.66	62.7	8.20	0.0972
					0.305	83.0	0.683	0.0667
					0.610	88.8	1.37	0.0713
					0.914	90.1	2.05	0.0724
					1.22	91.7	2.73	0.0737
					1.52	94.0	3.42	0.0755
					1.83	95.9	4.10	0.0770
					2.13	96.9	4.79	0.0778

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Table 5 (Continued)

Test No.	Cone Base Area A_x cm^2	Penetration	Sand Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m^3	Depth of Cone Tip h cm	Horizontal Velocity V_x m/sec	Horizontal Force F_x N	Froude	Cone-Sand
		Resistance Gradient G MN/m^3					Number	Pressure Ratio
		$\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}}$					$\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x}$	
3	3.23	2.47	15.53	17.8	2.44	97.9	5.47	0.0786
					2.74	99.2	6.15	0.0797
					3.05	102	6.84	0.0819
					3.35	104	7.52	0.0835
					3.66	103	8.20	0.0827
					3.96	108	8.89	0.0867
4	3.23	1.70	15.04	17.8	0.305	61.7	0.683	0.0720
					0.610	63.3	1.37	0.0739
					0.914	64.0	2.05	0.0747
					1.22	65.6	2.73	0.0765
					1.52	67.8	3.42	0.0791
					1.83	67.8	4.10	0.0791
					2.13	68.5	4.79	0.0799
					2.44	70.1	5.47	0.0818
					2.74	72.0	6.15	0.0840
					3.05	73.0	6.84	0.0852
					3.35	73.0	7.52	0.0852
					3.66	74.3	8.20	0.0867
					3.96	75.9	8.89	0.0886
					4.27	79.5	9.57	0.0927
4.57	81.1	10.3	0.0946					
4.88	84.0	10.9	0.0980					
5.18	84.6	11.6	0.0988					
5	3.23	0.59	13.66	17.8	0.305	38.4	0.683	0.129
					0.610	38.1	1.37	0.128
					0.914	37.5	2.05	0.126
					1.22	35.2	2.73	0.118
					1.52	33.6	3.42	0.113
					1.83	32.3	4.10	0.109
					2.13	32.9	4.79	0.111
					2.44	31.3	5.47	0.105
					2.74	32.0	6.15	0.108
					3.05	33.3	6.84	0.112
					3.35	33.3	7.52	0.112
					3.66	36.5	8.20	0.123

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Table 5 (Continued)

Test No.	Cone Base Area A_x cm^2	Penetration Resistance Gradient G MN/m^3	Sand Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m^3	Depth of Cone Tip h cm	Horizontal Velocity V_x m/sec	Horizontal Force F_x N	Froude Number $\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}}$	Cone-Sand Pressure Ratio $\frac{F_x/A_x}{gh^2/d_x}$
5	3.23	0.59	13.66	17.8	3.96	35.9	8.89	0.121
					4.27	36.5	9.57	0.123
					4.57	37.1	10.3	0.125
					4.88	38.1	10.9	0.128
					5.18	39.4	11.6	0.132
6	3.23	3.81	16.09	17.8	0.305	117	0.683	0.0609
					0.610	122	1.37	0.0635
					0.914	126	2.05	0.0656
					1.22	133	2.73	0.0692
					1.52	132	3.42	0.0687
					1.83	131	4.10	0.0682
					2.13	132	4.79	0.0687
					2.44	134	5.47	0.0698
					2.74	135	6.15	0.0703
					3.05	134	6.84	0.0698
					3.35	136	7.52	0.0708
					3.66	139	8.20	0.0724
					3.96	141	8.89	0.0734
7	3.23	3.05	15.80	17.8	0.305	92.1	0.683	0.0599
					0.610	95.6	1.37	0.0622
					0.914	98.2	2.05	0.0638
					1.22	102	2.73	0.0663
					1.52	105	3.42	0.0683
					1.83	106	4.10	0.0689
					2.13	107	4.79	0.0696
					2.44	109	5.47	0.0709
					2.74	110	6.15	0.0715
					3.05	112	6.84	0.0728
8	3.23	4.04	16.17	17.8	0.305	121	0.683	0.0594
					0.610	125	1.37	0.0614
					0.914	128	2.05	0.0628
					1.22	130	2.73	0.0638
					1.52	131	3.42	0.0643

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Table 5 (Continued)

Test No.	Cone Base Area A_x cm^2	Penetration Resistance Gradient G MN/m^3	Sand Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m^3	Depth of Cone Tip h cm	Horizontal Velocity V_x m/sec	Horizontal Force F_x N	Froude Number $\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}}$	Cone-Sand Pressure Ratio $\frac{F_x/\Lambda_x}{Gh^2/d_x}$
8	3.23	4.04	16.17	17.8	1.83	132	4.10	0.0648
					2.13	134	4.70	0.0658
					2.44	135	5.47	0.0663
					2.74	136	6.15	0.0668
					3.05	137	6.84	0.0672
					3.35	138	7.52	0.0682
					3.66	139	8.20	0.0682
9	6.45	1.92	15.20	17.8	0.305	108	0.575	0.0790
					0.610	108	1.15	0.0790
					0.914	110	1.72	0.0805
					1.22	113	2.30	0.0827
					1.52	117	2.87	0.0856
					1.83	119	3.45	0.0871
					2.13	122	4.02	0.0892
					2.44	124	4.60	0.0907
					2.74	124	5.17	0.0907
					3.05	126	5.75	0.0922
					3.35	130	6.32	0.0951
					3.66	132	6.90	0.0966
10	6.45	1.25	14.64	17.8	0.305	78.0	0.575	0.0870
					0.610	77.4	1.15	0.0873
					0.914	78.7	1.72	0.0887
					1.22	79.3	2.30	0.0894
					1.52	78.7	2.87	0.0887
					1.83	79.3	3.45	0.0894
					2.13	82.6	4.02	0.0931
					2.44	81.0	4.60	0.0923
					2.74	83.0	5.17	0.0946
					3.05	89.7	5.75	0.101
					3.35	91.6	6.32	0.103
					3.66	95.5	6.90	0.108
					3.96	96.8	7.47	0.109
					4.27	98.7	8.05	0.111
					4.57	102	8.62	0.115

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Table 5 (Continued)

Test No.	Cone Base Area A_x cm^2	Penetration Resistance Gradient G MN/m^3	Sand Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m^3	Depth of Cone Tip h cm	Horizontal Velocity V_x r./sec	Horizontal Force F_x N	Froude Number $\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}}$	Cone-Sand Pressure Ratio $\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x}$
10	6.45	1.25	14.64	17.8	4.88 5.18	111 114	9.20 9.77	0.125 0.129
11	6.45	3.54	16.00	17.8	0.305 0.610 0.914 1.22 1.52 1.83 2.13 2.44 2.74 3.05 3.35 3.66	168 181 188 194 199 202 205 208 210 212 213 215	0.575 1.15 1.72 2.30 2.87 3.45 4.02 4.60 5.17 5.75 6.32 6.90	0.0670 0.0721 0.0749 0.0773 0.0793 0.0805 0.0817 0.0829 0.0837 0.0845 0.0849 0.0857
12	6.45	0.93	14.26	17.8	0.305 0.610 0.914 1.22 1.52 1.83 2.13 2.44 2.74 3.05 3.35 3.66 3.96 4.27 4.57 4.88	73.5 73.5 71.0 69.7 69.0 70.3 71.0 71.0 71.6 73.5 75.5 77.4 80.0 83.2 85.1 90.3	0.575 1.15 1.72 2.30 2.87 3.45 4.02 4.60 5.17 5.75 6.32 6.90 7.47 8.05 8.62 9.20	0.111 0.111 0.107 0.105 0.104 0.106 0.107 0.107 0.108 0.111 0.114 0.117 0.121 0.126 0.129 0.136
13	6.45	4.26	16.24	17.8	0.305 0.610 0.914	215 226 235	0.575 1.15 1.72	0.0708 0.0745 0.0775

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Table 5 (Continued)

Test No.	Cone Base Area A_x cm^2	Penetration Resistance Gradient G MN/m^3	Sand Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m^3	Depth of Cone Tip h cm	Horizontal Velocity V_x m/sec	Horizontal Force F_x N	Froude Number $\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{g d_x}}$	Cone-Sand Pressure Ratio $\frac{F_x/A_x}{G h^2/d_x}$
13	6.45	4.26	16.24	17.8	1.22	244	2.30	0.0804
					1.52	250	2.87	0.0824
					1.83	253	3.45	0.0834
					2.13	256	4.02	0.0844
					2.44	259	4.60	0.0854
					2.74	261	5.17	0.0860
					3.05	263	5.75	0.0867
					3.35	264	6.32	0.0870
					3.66	265	6.90	0.0873
					3.96	267	7.47	0.0880
14	12.90	0.85	14.14	17.8	0.305	129	0.483	0.150
					0.610	129	0.967	0.150
					0.914	125	1.45	0.146
					1.22	123	1.93	0.143
					1.52	123	2.42	0.143
					1.83	124	2.90	0.145
					2.13	126	3.38	0.147
					2.44	128	3.87	0.149
					2.74	129	4.35	0.150
					3.05	132	4.83	0.154
15	12.90	1.95	15.22	17.8	0.305	190	0.483	0.0965
					0.610	190	0.967	0.101
					0.914	208	1.45	0.106
					1.22	215	1.93	0.109
					1.52	224	2.42	0.114
					1.83	227	2.90	0.115
					2.13	232	3.38	0.118
					2.44	236	3.87	0.120
					2.74	239	4.35	0.121
					3.05	248	4.83	0.126
					3.35	253	5.32	0.129
					3.66	261	5.80	0.133

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Table 5 (Continued)

Test No.	Cone Base Area A_x cm^2	Penetration Resistance Gradient G MN/m^3	Sand Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m^3	Depth of Cone Tip h cm	Horizontal Velocity V_x m/sec	Horizontal Force F_x N	Froude Number $\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}}$	Cone-Sand Pressure Ratio $\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x}$
16	12.90	3.37	15.93	17.8	0.305	271	0.483	0.0797
					0.610	290	0.967	0.0853
					0.914	312	1.45	0.0918
					1.22	333	1.93	0.0979
					1.52	353	2.42	0.104
					1.83	369	2.90	0.109
					2.13	382	3.38	0.112
					2.44	390	3.87	0.115
					2.74	395	4.35	0.116
					3.05	400	4.83	0.118
					3.35	406	5.32	0.119
					3.66	412	5.80	0.121
					3.96	415	6.28	0.122
17	12.90	4.33	16.26	17.8	0.305	316	0.483	0.0725
					0.610	342	0.967	0.0784
					0.914	377	1.45	0.0865
					1.22	399	1.93	0.0915
					1.52	414	2.42	0.0950
					1.83	419	2.90	0.0961
					2.13	432	3.38	0.0991
					2.44	437	3.87	0.100
					2.74	449	4.35	0.103
					3.05	454	4.83	0.104
					3.35	470	5.32	0.108
					3.66	470	5.80	0.108
					3.96	473	6.28	0.109
18	23.23	0.62	13.64	17.8	0.305	181	0.417	0.231
					0.610	184	0.834	0.234
					0.914	186	1.25	0.237
					1.22	186	1.67	0.237
					1.52	186	2.09	0.237
					1.83	186	2.50	0.237
					2.13	188	2.92	0.240
					2.44	188	3.34	0.240

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Table 5 (Continued)

Test No.	Cone Base Area A_x cm^2	Penetration Resistance Gradient G MN/m^3	Sand Unit Dry Weight γ_d kN/m^3	Depth of Cone Tip h cm	Horizontal Velocity V_x m/sec	Horizontal Force F_x N	Froude Number $\frac{V_x}{\sqrt{gd_x}}$	Cone-Sand Pressure Ratio $\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x}$
18	23.23	0.62	13.64	17.8	2.74	188	3.75	0.240
					3.05	188	4.17	0.240
					3.35	188	4.59	0.240
					3.66	188	5.01	0.240
					3.96	190	5.42	0.242
19	23.23	3.49	15.93	17.8	0.305	409	0.417	0.0868
					0.610	441	0.834	0.0936
					0.914	458	1.25	0.0972
					1.22	492	1.67	0.104
					1.52	518	2.09	0.110
					1.83	548	2.50	0.116
					2.13	578	2.92	0.123
					2.44	585	3.34	0.124
					2.74	595	3.75	0.126
					3.05	602	4.17	0.128
					3.35	609	4.59	0.129
20	23.23	2.73	15.66	17.8	3.66	611	5.01	0.130
					3.96	595	5.42	0.126
					0.305	358	0.417	0.0960
					0.610	402	0.834	0.100
					0.914	432	1.25	0.117
					1.22	455	1.67	0.123
					1.52	497	2.09	0.135
					1.83	525	2.50	0.142
					2.13	541	2.92	0.146
					2.44	551	3.34	0.149
					2.74	560	3.75	0.152
21	3.23	1.05	14.41	25.4	3.05	571	4.17	0.155
					3.35	583	4.59	0.158
					3.66	595	5.01	0.161
					3.96	602	5.42	0.163
					0.305	63.6	0.683	0.0589
					0.610	61.7	1.37	0.0571
					0.914	61.0	2.05	0.0565

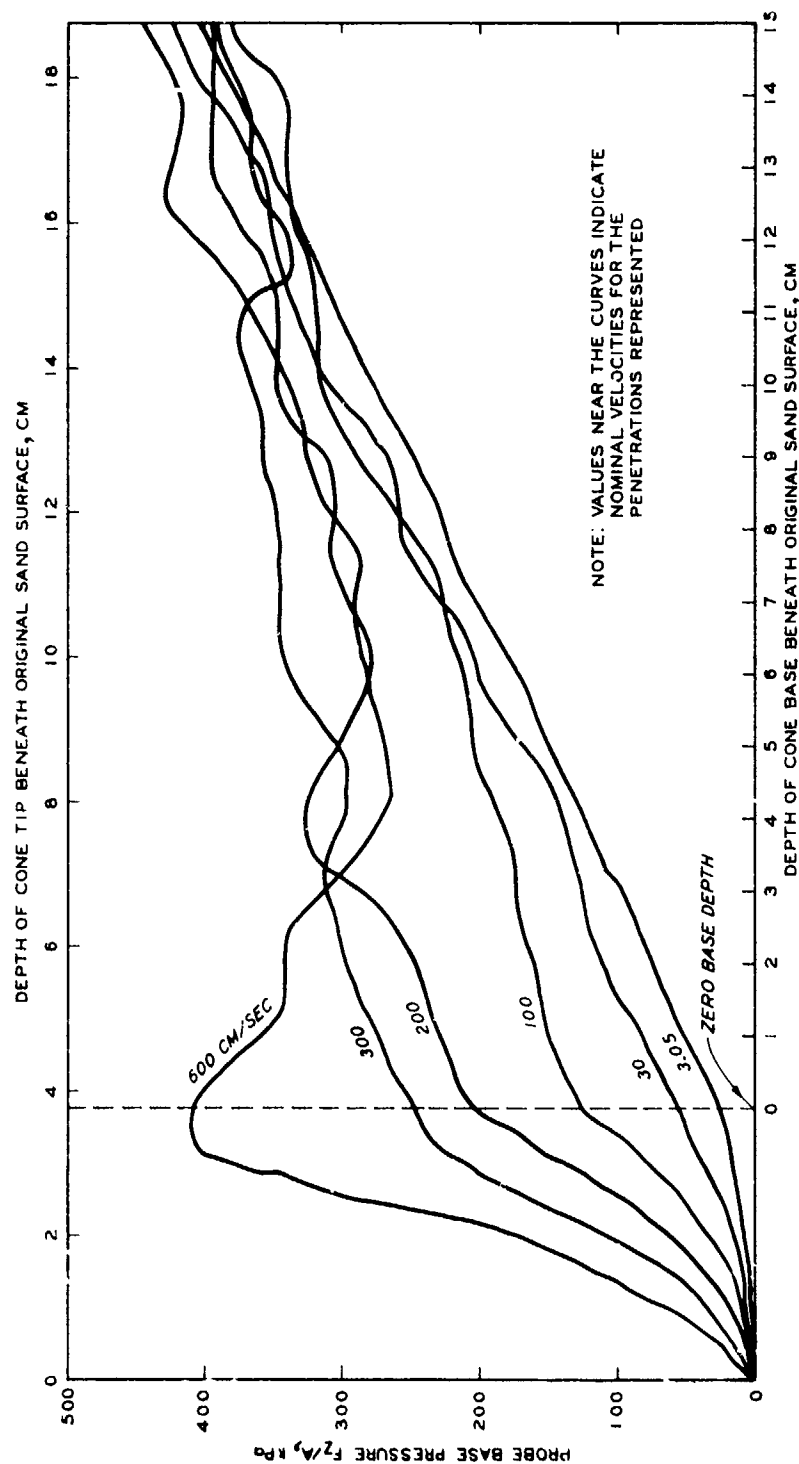
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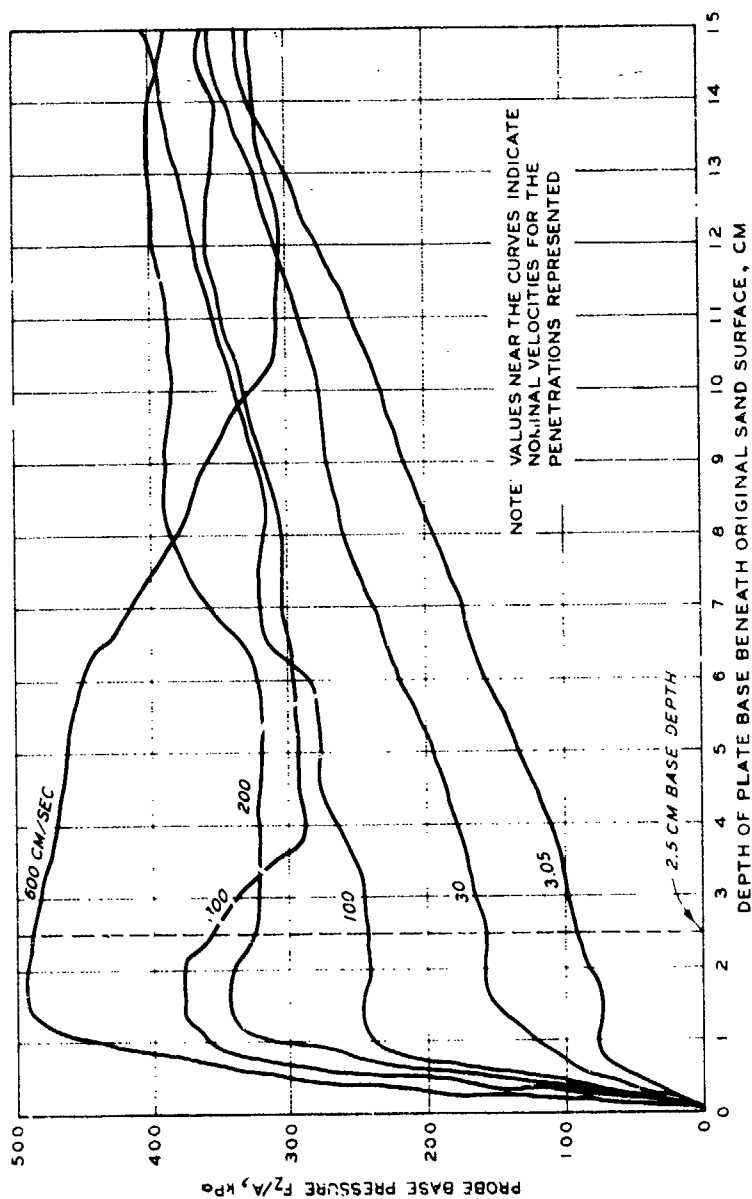
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21	3.23	1.05	14.41	25.4	1.22	57.8	2.73	0.0535
					1.52	56.5	3.42	0.0523
					1.83	57.2	4.10	0.0530
					2.13	56.2	4.79	0.0520
					2.44	55.9	5.47	0.0518
					2.74	55.9	6.15	0.0518
					3.05	58.5	6.84	0.0542
					3.35	59.8	7.52	0.0554
					3.66	63.0	8.20	0.0583
22	3.23	3.10	15.82	10.2	0.305	53.6	0.683	0.104
					0.610	62.3	1.37	0.121
					0.914	67.5	2.05	0.132
					1.22	73.3	2.73	0.143
					1.52	79.5	3.42	0.155
					1.83	81.1	4.10	0.158
					2.13	84.3	4.79	0.164
					2.44	86.9	5.47	0.169
					2.74	90.1	6.15	0.176
					3.05	94.0	6.84	0.183
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					3.66	101	8.20	0.197
					3.96	102	8.89	0.199

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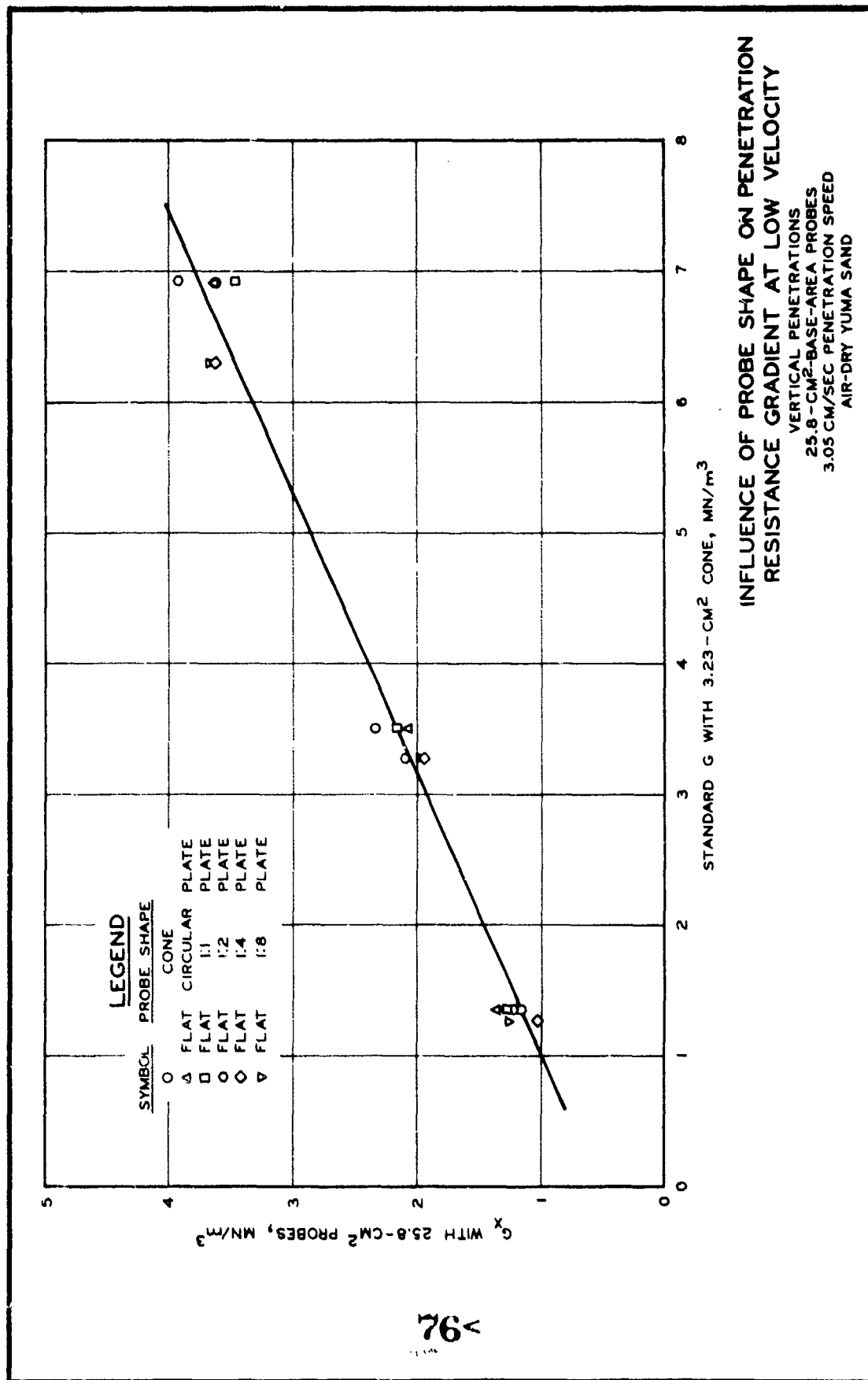


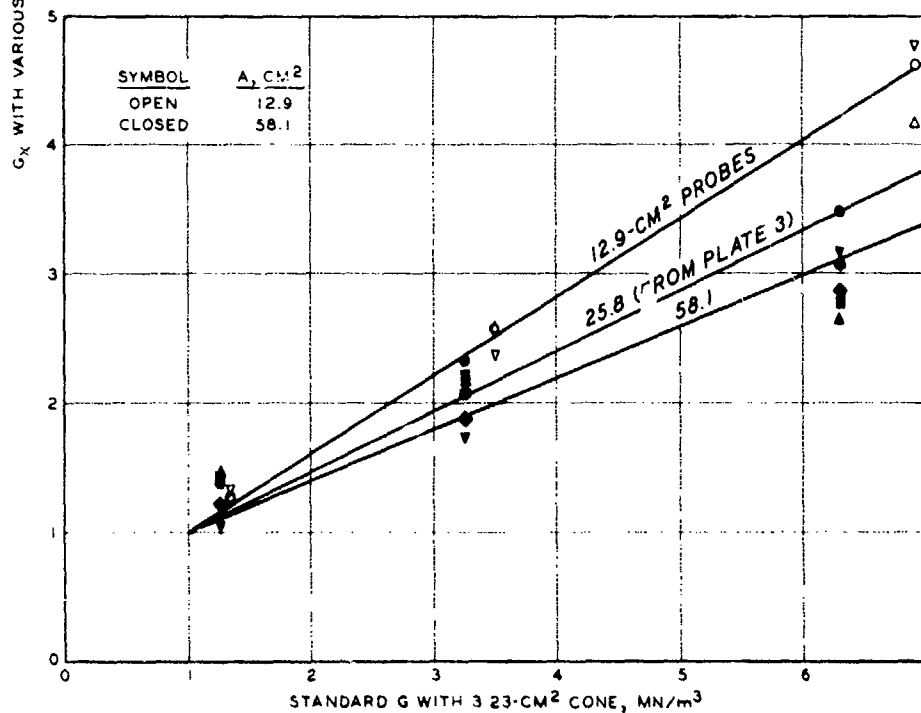
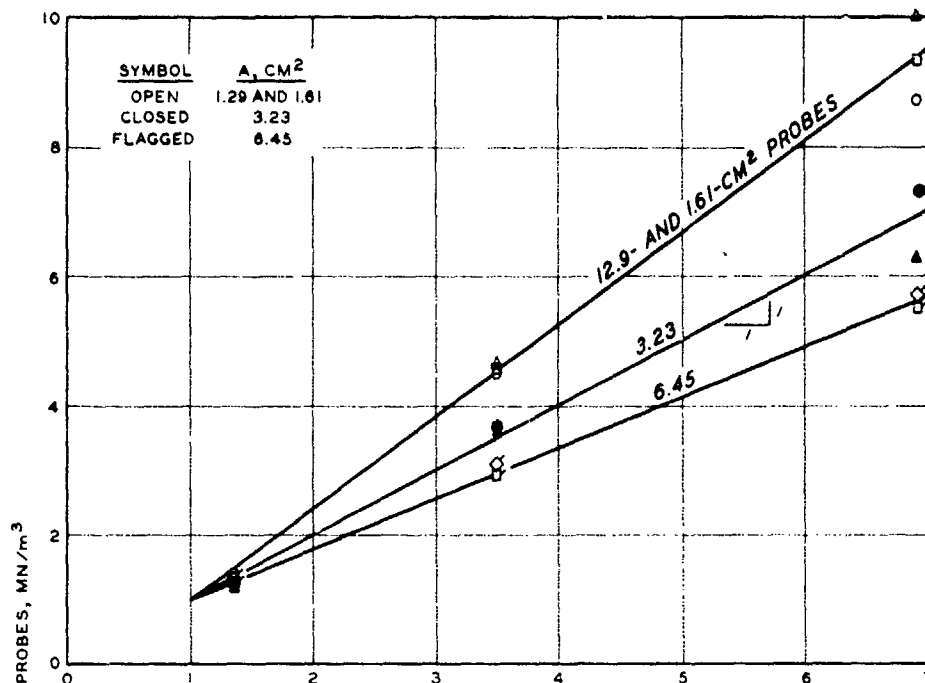
PROBE BASE PRESSURE VERSUS
DEPTH CURVES FOR THE 3.23-CM² CONE
AT NOMINAL VELOCITIES FROM
3 TO 600 CM/SEC

VERTICAL PENETRATIONS
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 $G = 2.48 \text{ MN/m}^3$



PROBE BASE PRESSURE
VERSUS DEPTH CURVES FOR
THE 25.8-CM², 1:4 PLATE AT NOMINAL
VELOCITIES FROM 3 TO 600 CM/SEC
VERTICAL PENETRATIONS
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 $G \approx 2.9 \text{ MN/m}^3$





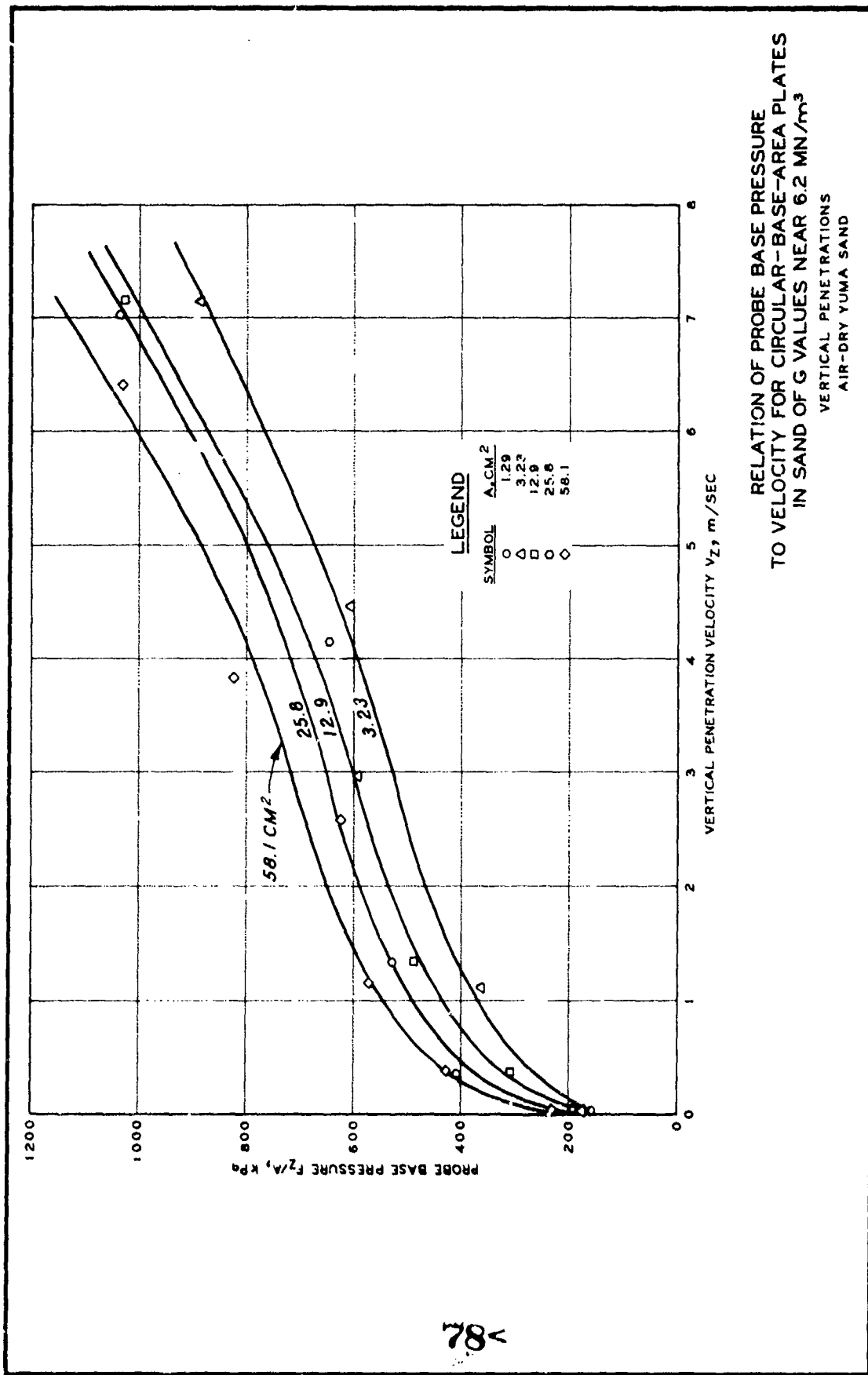
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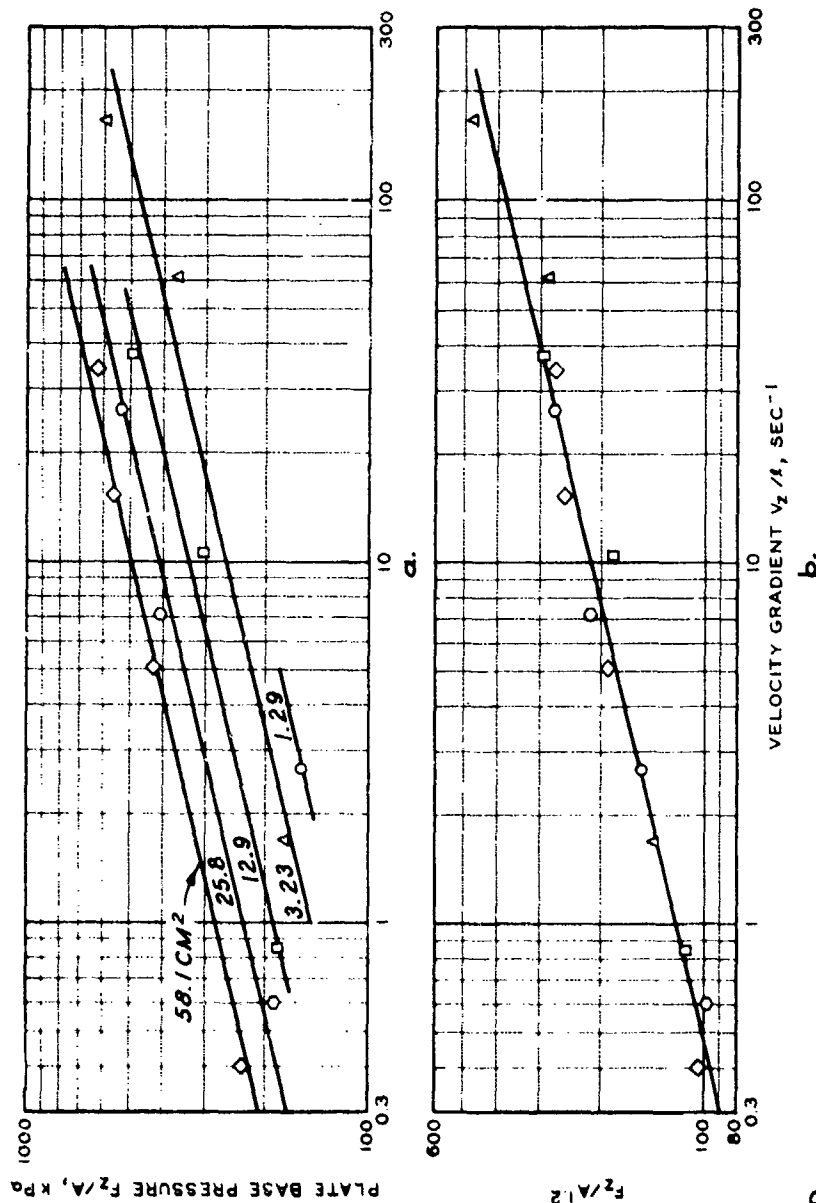
SYMBOL	PROBE SHAPE
○	CONE
△	FLAT CIRCULAR PLATE
□	FLAT 1:1 PLATE
◇	FLAT 1:2 PLATE
○	FLAT 1:4 PLATE
▽	FLAT 1:8 PLATE

INFLUENCE OF PROBE SIZE ON PENETRATION RESISTANCE GRADIENT AT LOW VELOCITY

VERTICAL PENETRATIONS
23 PROBE SIZES AND SHAPES
3.05 CM/SEC PENETRATION SPEED
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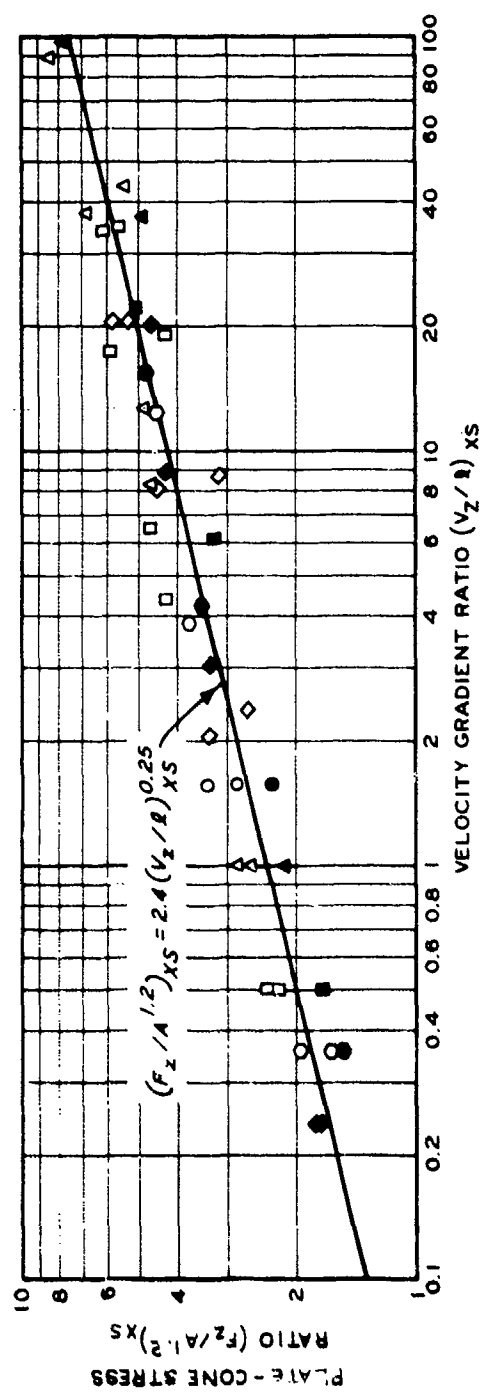




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SYMBOL	A, CM ²
○	1.29
△	3.23
□	12.9
◇	25.8
◇	58.1

LOGARITHMIC RELATIONS OF
 F_z/A AND OF $F_z/A^{1/2}$ TO VELOCITY GRADIENT FOR
 CIRCULAR-BASE-AREA PLATES IN SAND OF
 G VALUES NEAR 6.2 MN/M³
 VERTICAL PENETRATIONS
 V_z VALUES ≤ 3 m/SEC
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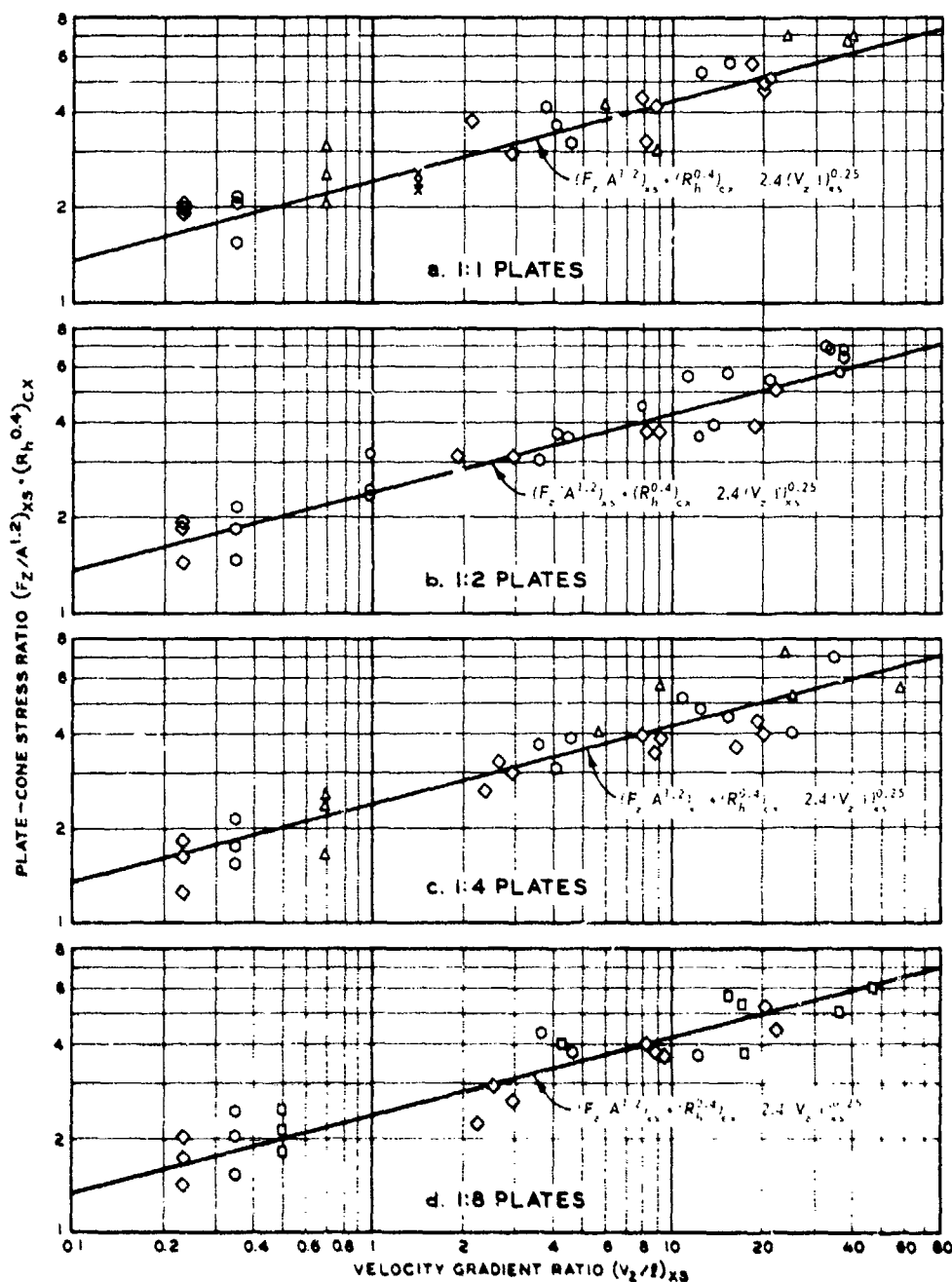
LEGEND

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○	1.29
△	3.23
□	12.9
◇	25.6
◊	56.1

NOTE: CLOSED SYMBOLS: G NEAR 6.2 MN/m³
OPEN SYMBOLS: G NEAR EITHER 1.3 OR 2.9 MN/m³

LOGARITHMIC RELATION OF
PLATE - CONE STRESS RATIO
TO VELOCITY GRADIENT RATIO FOR
CIRCULAR-BASE-AREA PLATES

VERTICAL PENETRATIONS
 V_z VALUES $\leq 3 \text{ m/SEC}$
G VALUES FROM 1.08 TO 6.91 MN/m³
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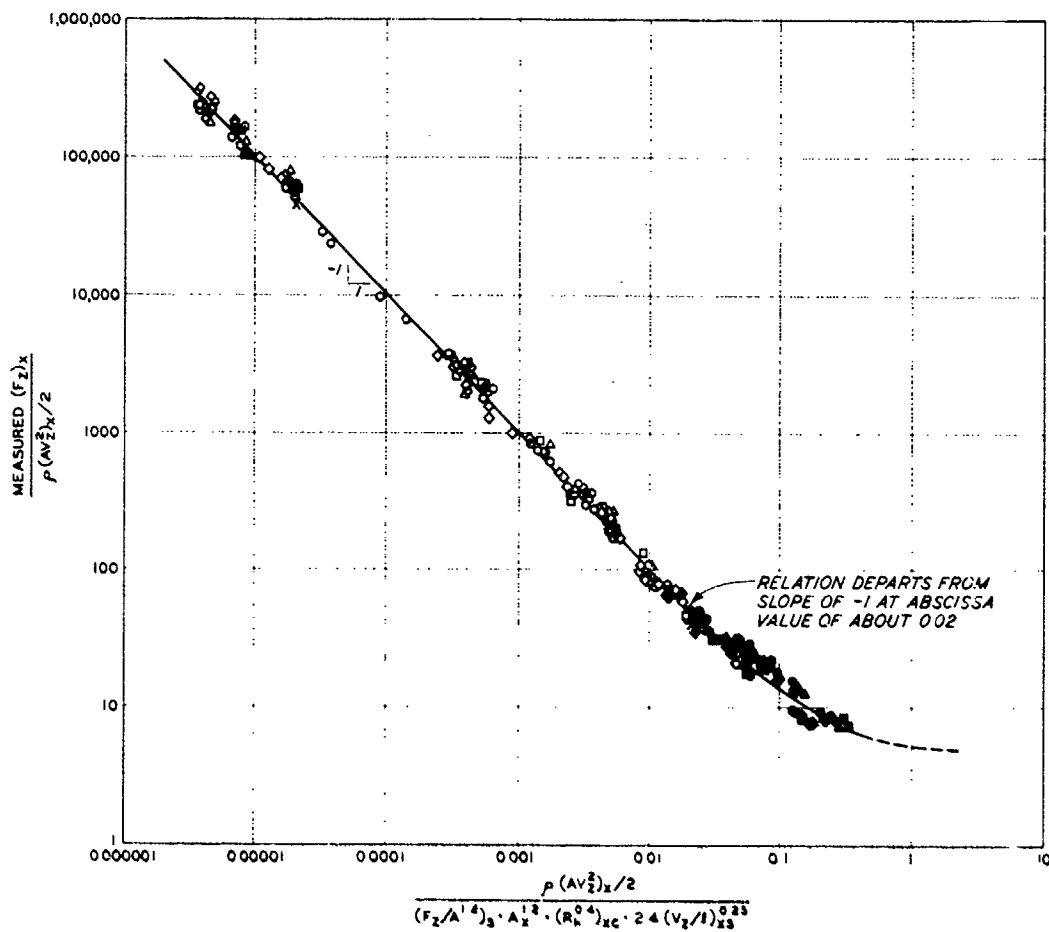


LEGEND

SYMBOL	A, CM^2
x	1.61
o	3.23
Δ	6.45
□	12.9
○	25.8
◇	58.1

**LOGARITHMIC RELATION OF
PLATE-CONE STRESS RATIO
TO VELOCITY GRADIENT RATIO
FOR FIVE SHAPES OF PLATES**

VERTICAL PENETRATIONS
 V_z VALUES ≤ 3 m/SEC
 G VALUES FROM 1.06 TO 6.91 MN/m³
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LEGEND

SYMBOL	A_x, CM^2
+	1.29
x	1.61
o	3.23
Δ	6.45
□	12.9
○	25.8
◇	58.1

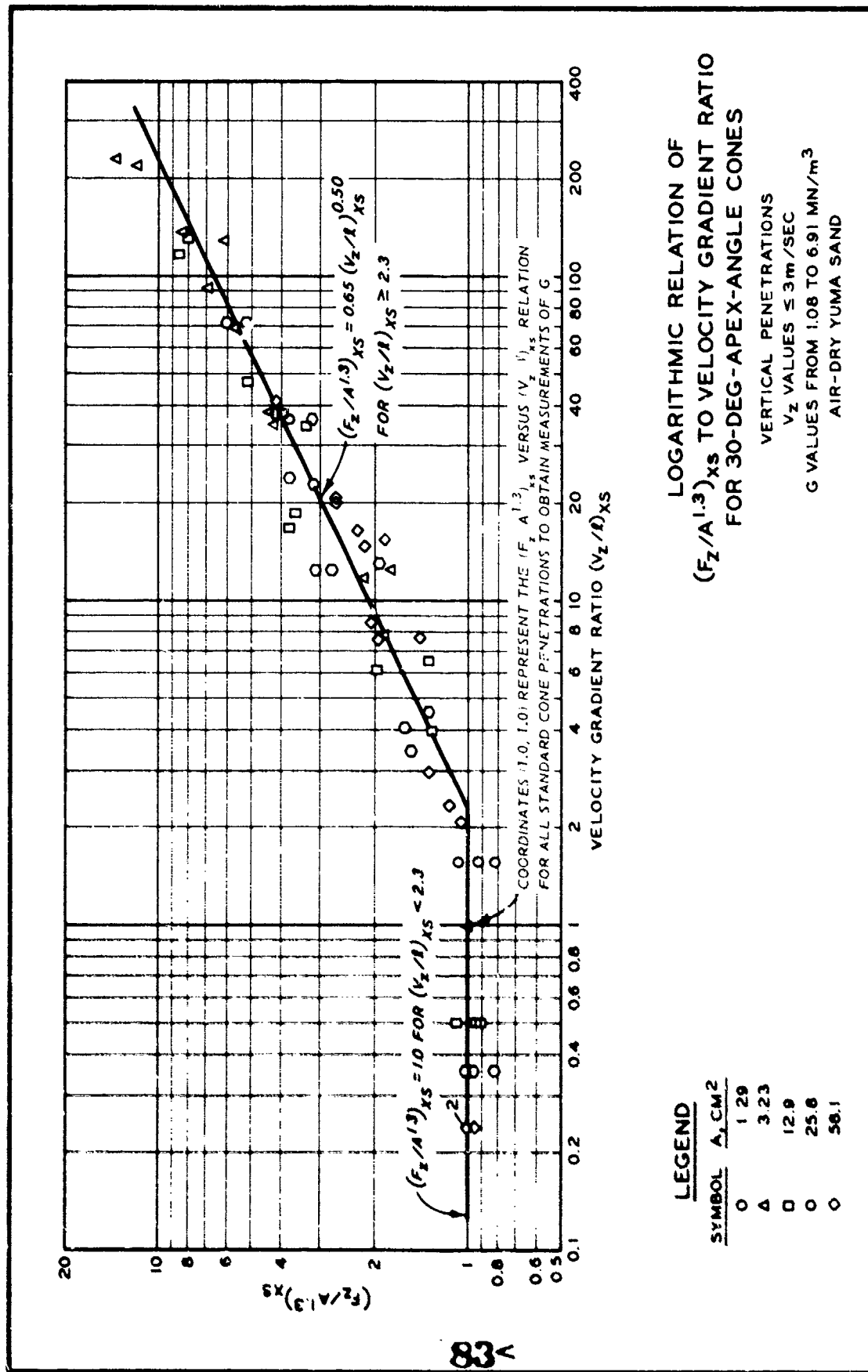
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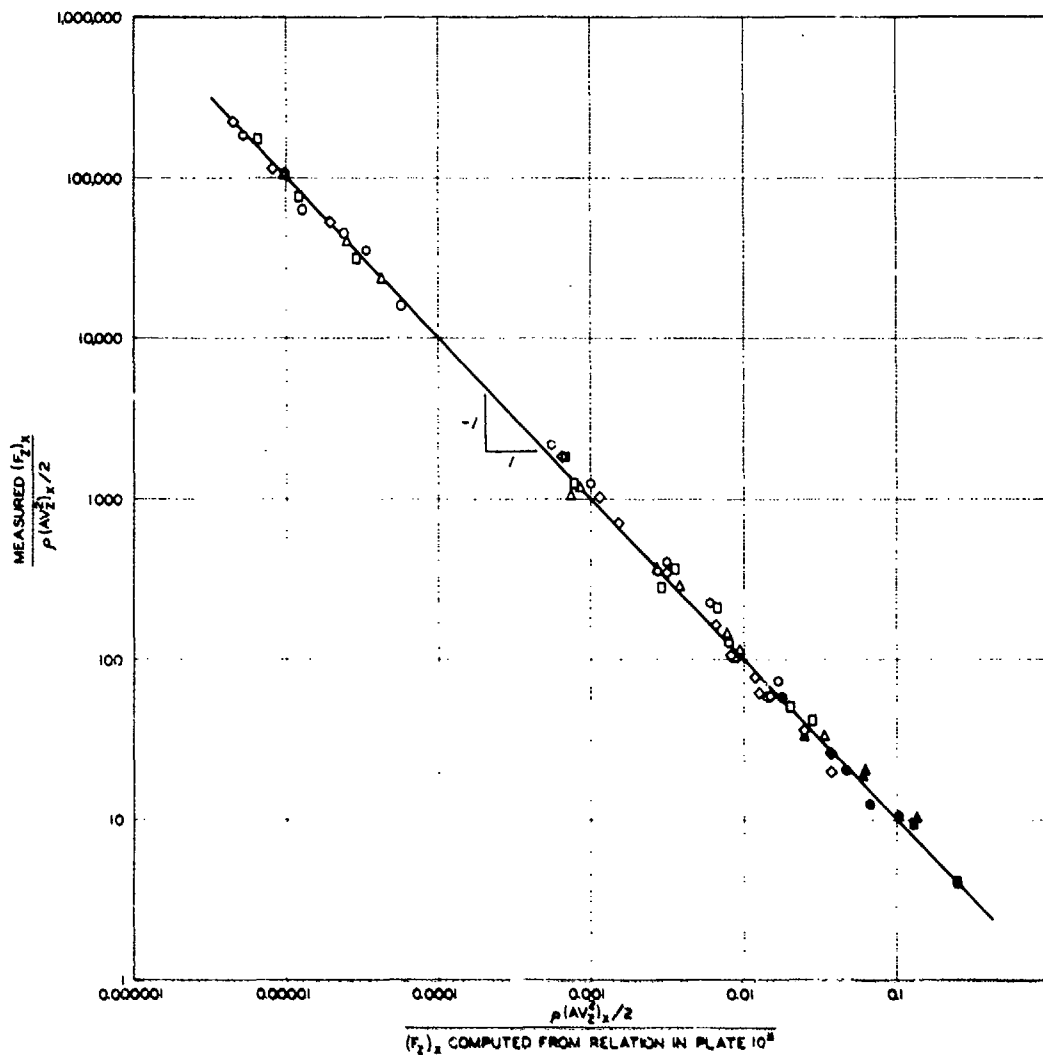
DATA ARE PLOTTED FOR FLAT
PLATES WITH FIVE SHAPES OF
BASE AREAS (CIRCULAR AND
RECTANGULAR 1, 1.2, 1.4, AND 1.8)

MODIFIED C_D VERSUS N_R RELATION FOR DESCRIBING $(F_z)_x$ FOR FLAT PLATES

VERTICAL PENETRATIONS
 V_z VALUES FROM 3.05 TO 725 CM/SEC
 G VALUES FROM 108 TO 891 MN/m²
FIVE SHAPES OF FLAT PLATES
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LEGEND

SYMBOL	A, CM ²
○	1.20
△	3.23
□	12.0
◇	27.8
●	58.1

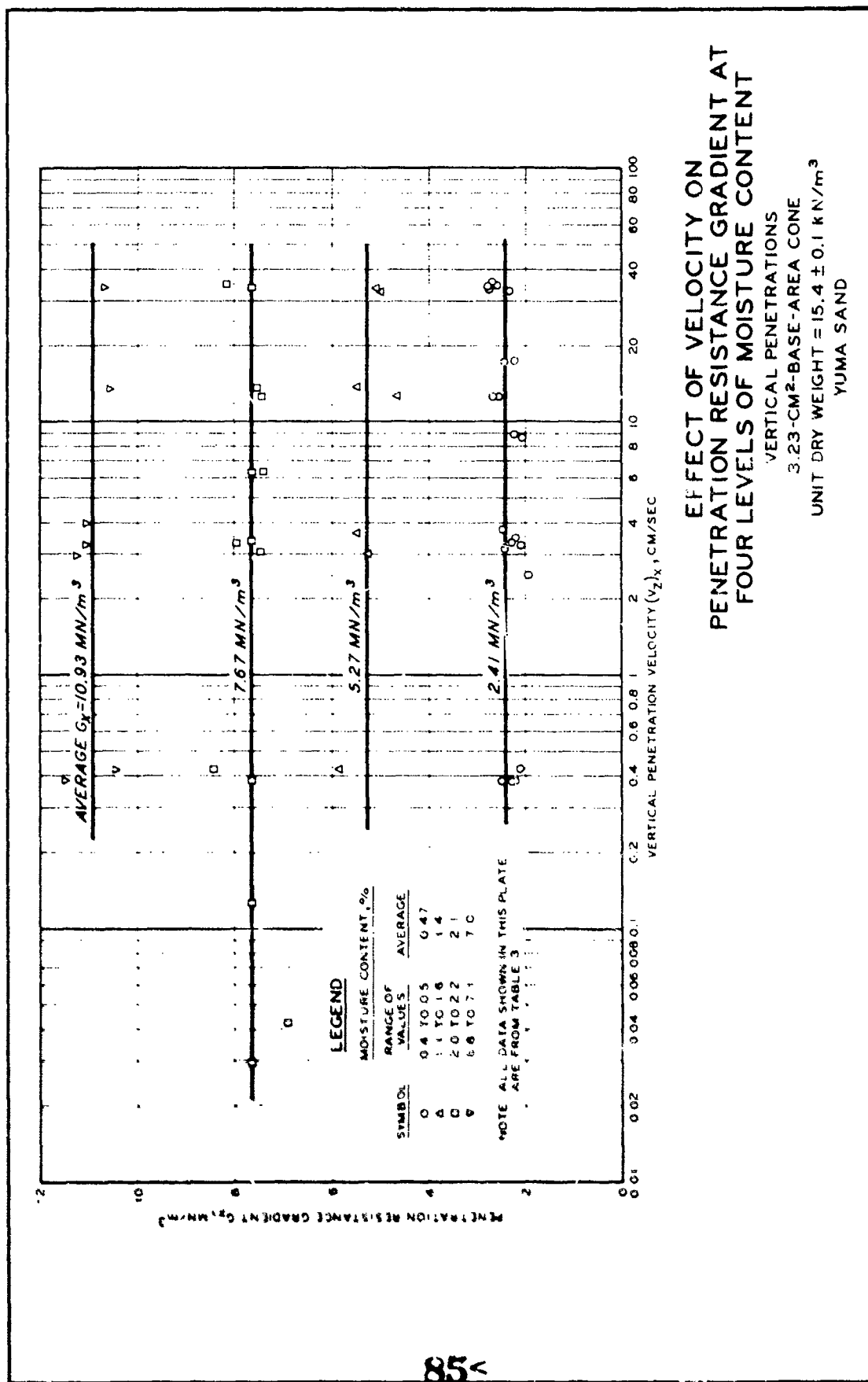
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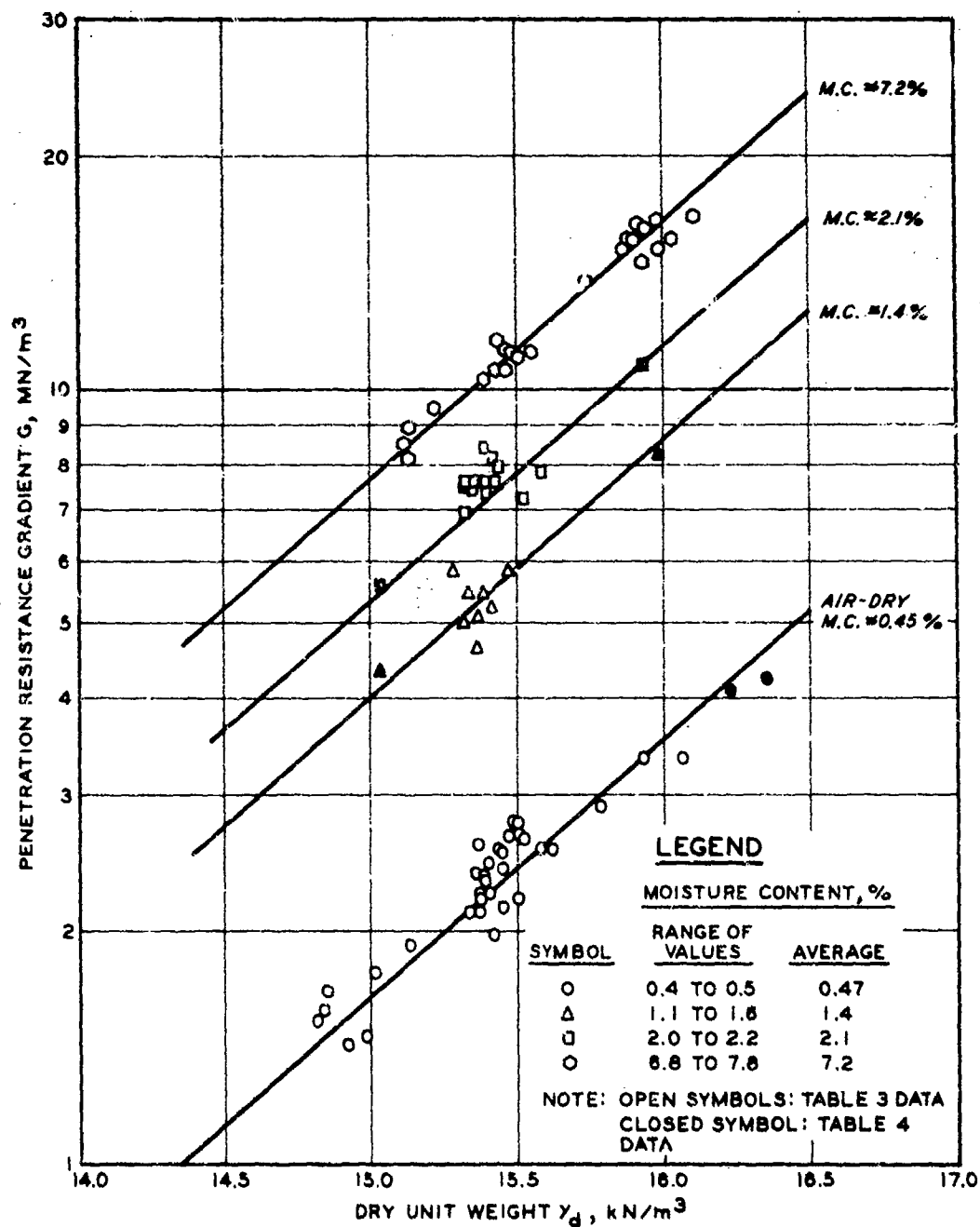
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 $(F_2)_x = (F_2)_0 A^{1/3} \cdot 0.65 (V_2)_0^{0.80}$
 FOR $(V_2)_0 = 2.3$

MODIFIED C_0 VERSUS N_R RELATION FOR DESCRIBING $(F_2)_x$ FOR 30-DEG-APEX-ANGLE CONES

VERTICAL PENETRATIONS
 V_2 VALUES FROM 3.05 TO 684 CM/SEC
 G VALUES FROM 108 TO 6.91 MN/m³
 FIVE SIZES OF CONES
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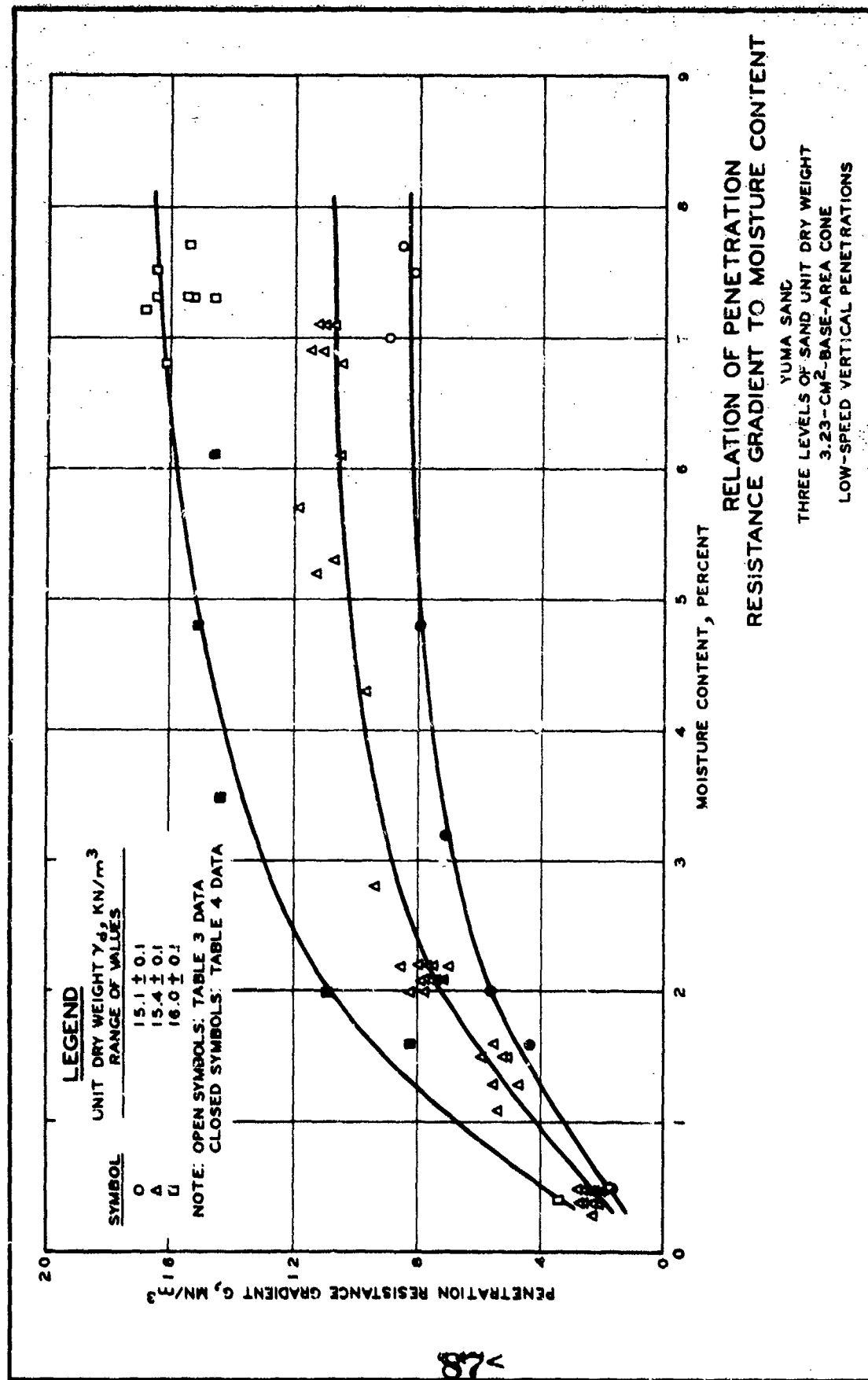
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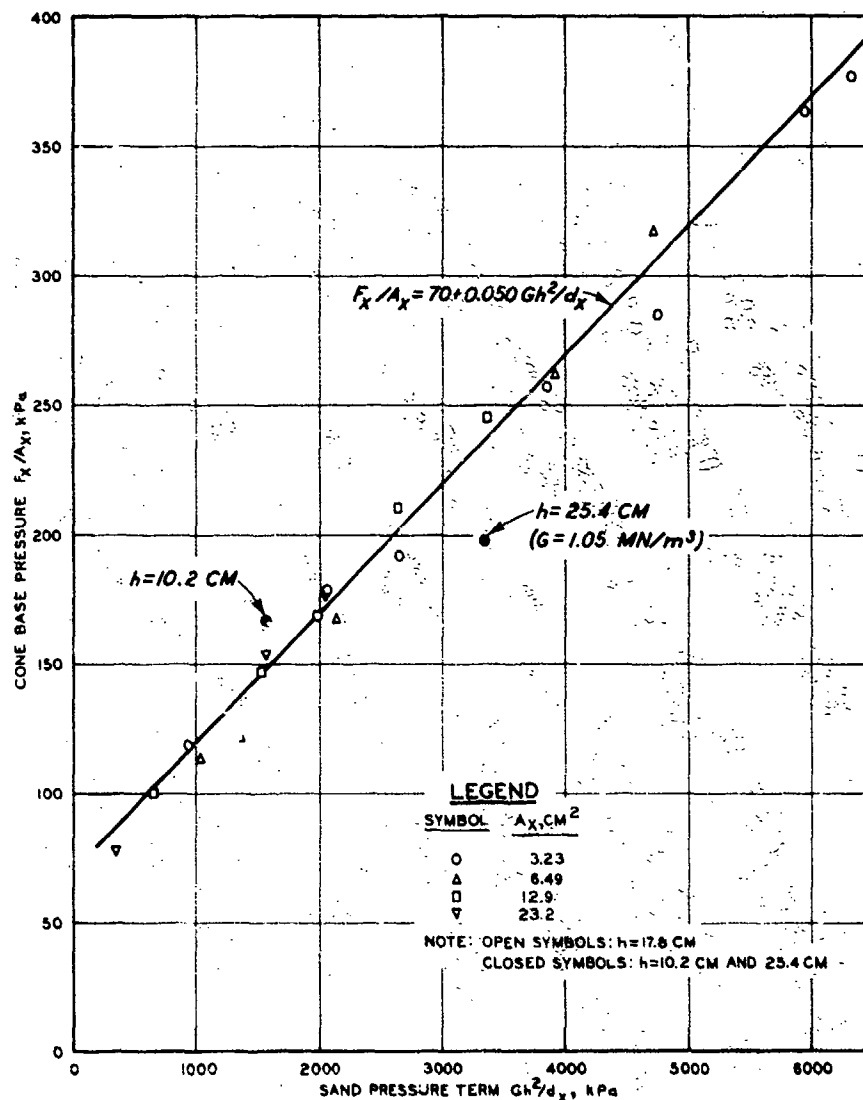




RELATION OF
PENETRATION RESISTANCE GRADIENT
TO UNIT DRY WEIGHT
FOUR MOISTURE CONTENT LEVELS
3.23- CM^2 -BASE-AREA CONE
LOW-SPEED VERTICAL PENETRATIONS
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RELATION OF NUMERATOR TO
 DENOMINATOR OF SAND-CONE
 PRESSURE RATIO $\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x}$

HORIZONTAL PENETRATIONS

$V_x = 30 \text{ CM/SEC}$

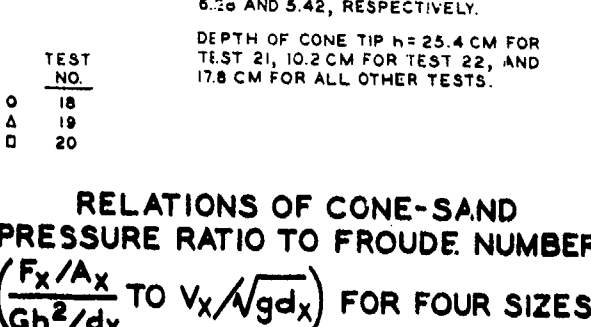
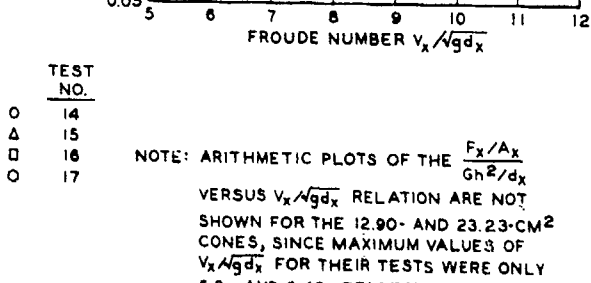
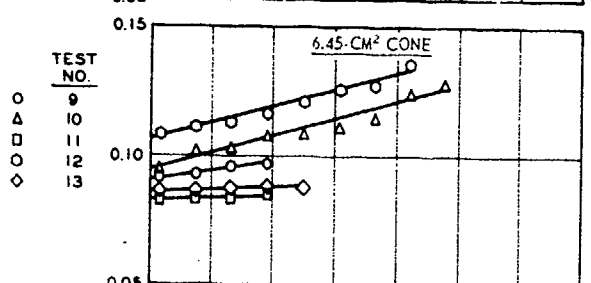
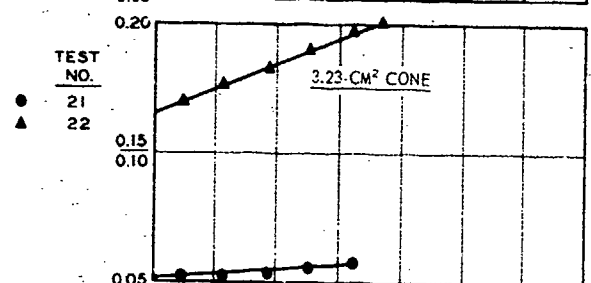
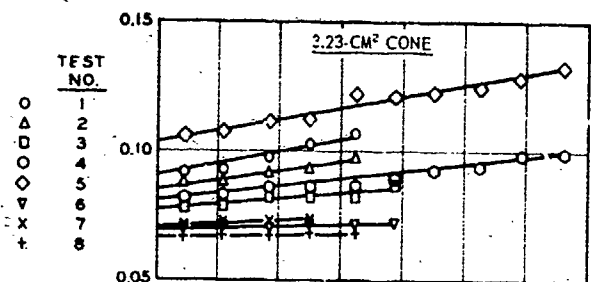
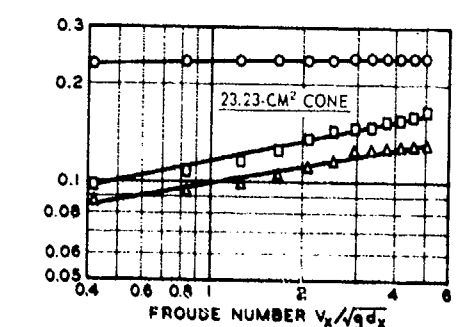
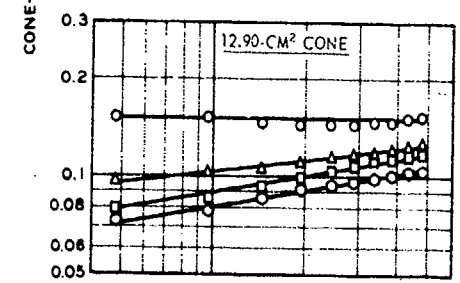
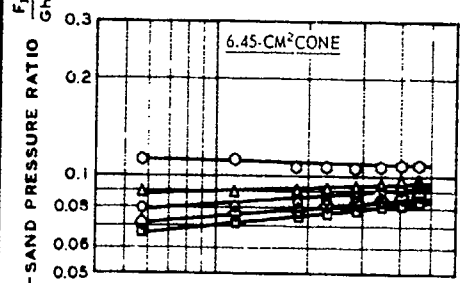
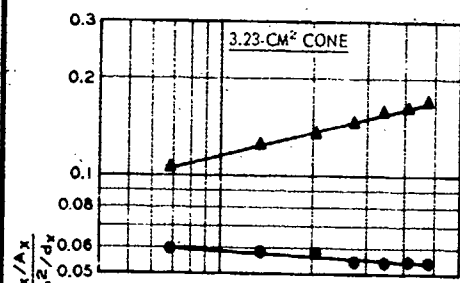
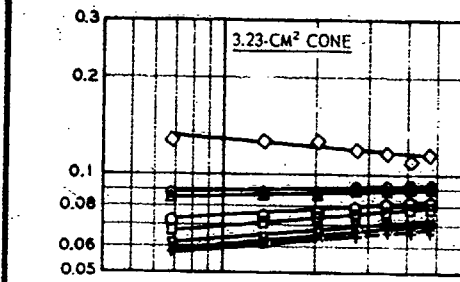
G VALUES FROM 0.58 TO 4.33 MN/m^3

FOUR SIZES OF 30-DEG-APEX-ANGLE CONES

CONE TIP DEPTHS OF 10.2, 17.8, AND 25.4 CM

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TEST NO.
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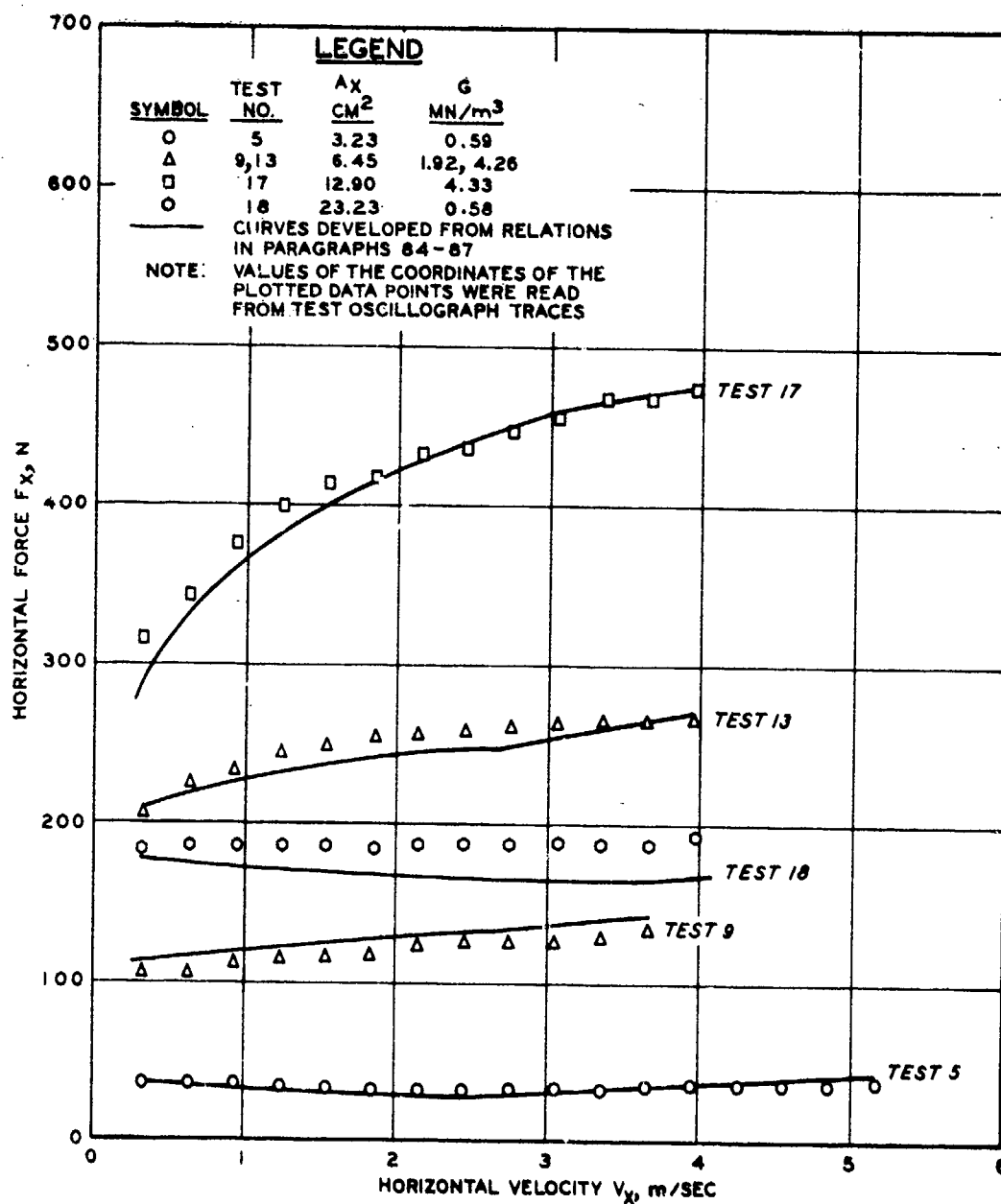
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DEPTH OF CONE TIP $h = 25.4$ CM FOR TEST 21, 10.2 CM FOR TEST 22, AND 17.8 CM FOR ALL OTHER TESTS.

RELATIONS OF CONE-SAND PRESSURE RATIO TO FROUDE NUMBER ($\frac{F_x/A_x}{Gh^2/d_x}$ TO $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x}$) FOR FOUR SIZES OF 30-DEG-APEX-ANGLE CONES

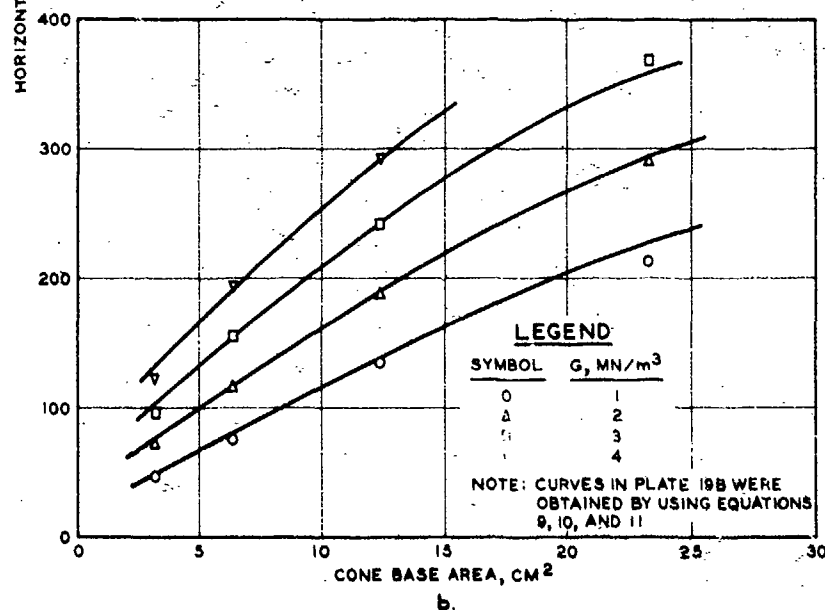
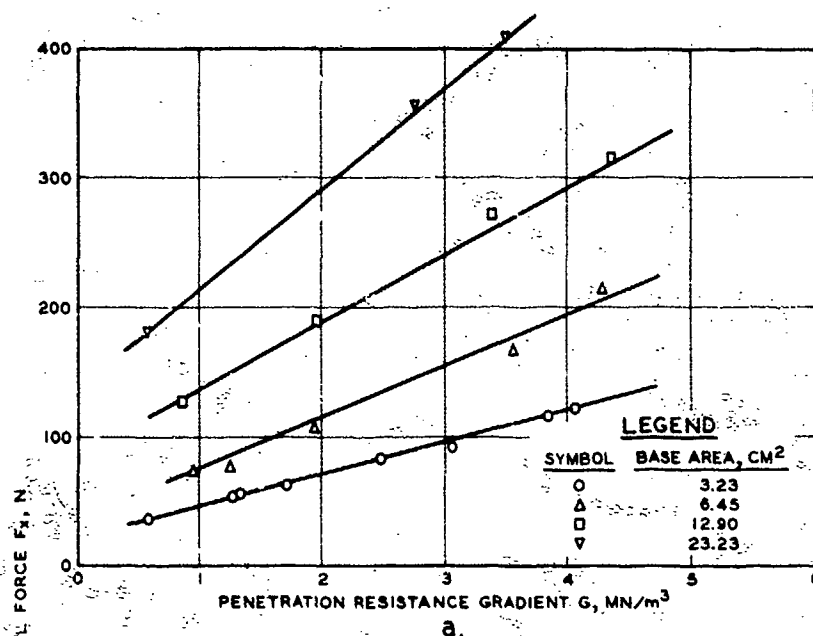
LOGARITHMIC RELATIONS FOR $V_x/\sqrt{gd_x} \leq 5$
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 G VALUES FROM 0.58 TO 4.33 MN/m³
 CONE TIP DEPTHS OF 10.2, 17.8, AND 25.4 CM
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RELATION OF HORIZONTAL FORCE TO VELOCITY

FOUR SIZES OF 30-DEG-APEX-ANGLE CONES
G VALUES FROM 0.58 TO 4.33 MN/m³
17.8-CM CONE TIP DEPTH
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RELATIONS OF HORIZONTAL FORCE TO PENETRATION RESISTANCE GRADIENT AND TO CONE BASE AREA

FORCE MEASURED IN
HORIZONTAL PENETRATION TESTS
17.8 CM DEPTH
30.5 CM/SEC PENETRATION SPEED
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